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For Mary Frances (Summers) Tapscott

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Summers Bench, Knob Prairie Cemetery, Franklin Co, Illinois (2007).

Foreword

Just Think!

Just think! some night the stars will gleam
Upon a cold, grey stone,
And trace a name with silver beam,
And lo! 'twill be your own.

That night is speeding on to greet
Your epitaphic rhyme.
Your life is but a little beat
Within the heart of Time.

A little gain, a little pain,
A laugh, lest you may moan;
A little blame, a little fame,
A star-gleam on a stone.

Robert W. Service

This book arises from a rash promise I made to my life's companion and best friend, Mary Frances (Summers) Tapscott: a promise that I would write about the origins of her parents, Dale and Eloise (Wehner) Summers. With the completion of a book about Eloise's origins—*Bier und Brot, The Wehners of Southeast Missouri*—it's now Dale's turn.

Unfortunately, "Summers" is an exceedingly common name, and all too often "family historians" have cited records without a shred of evidence other than an individual in the record having the same name as the person being researched. And, more often, histories provided cite no records at all, the source being other unsourced trees. Most family trees published online for the Delaware line of Summers are unreliable and filled with impossible "facts"—people married before they were born or after they died, having children in America while living in England, etc.

This book's line starts with Dale's 4th great grandparents, Thomas and Rosanna Summers of Delaware, and ends with the descendants of John William and Verne Cumi (Crabtree) Summers (Dale's parents). We follow the journey of John's antecedents from Delaware to North Carolina to Tennessee to Southern Illinois and, finally, to Southeast Missouri. It was in tiny Wittenberg, Missouri, on the Mississippi River, that Dale, one of John and Verne's five children, and Dale's siblings spent their childhood. Back then Wittenberg's population was 270 or so. Today, it is claimed to be just three. The book's cover shows Tower Rock, emerging from the Mississippi near Wittenberg. On the next page is a chart of the Wittenberg Summers line, the plot of our book. A huge number of Thomas and Rosanna's descendants are omitted from this chart. A list at the end of the book shows 769 descendants and 428 spouses, and that is only a small fraction of the total.

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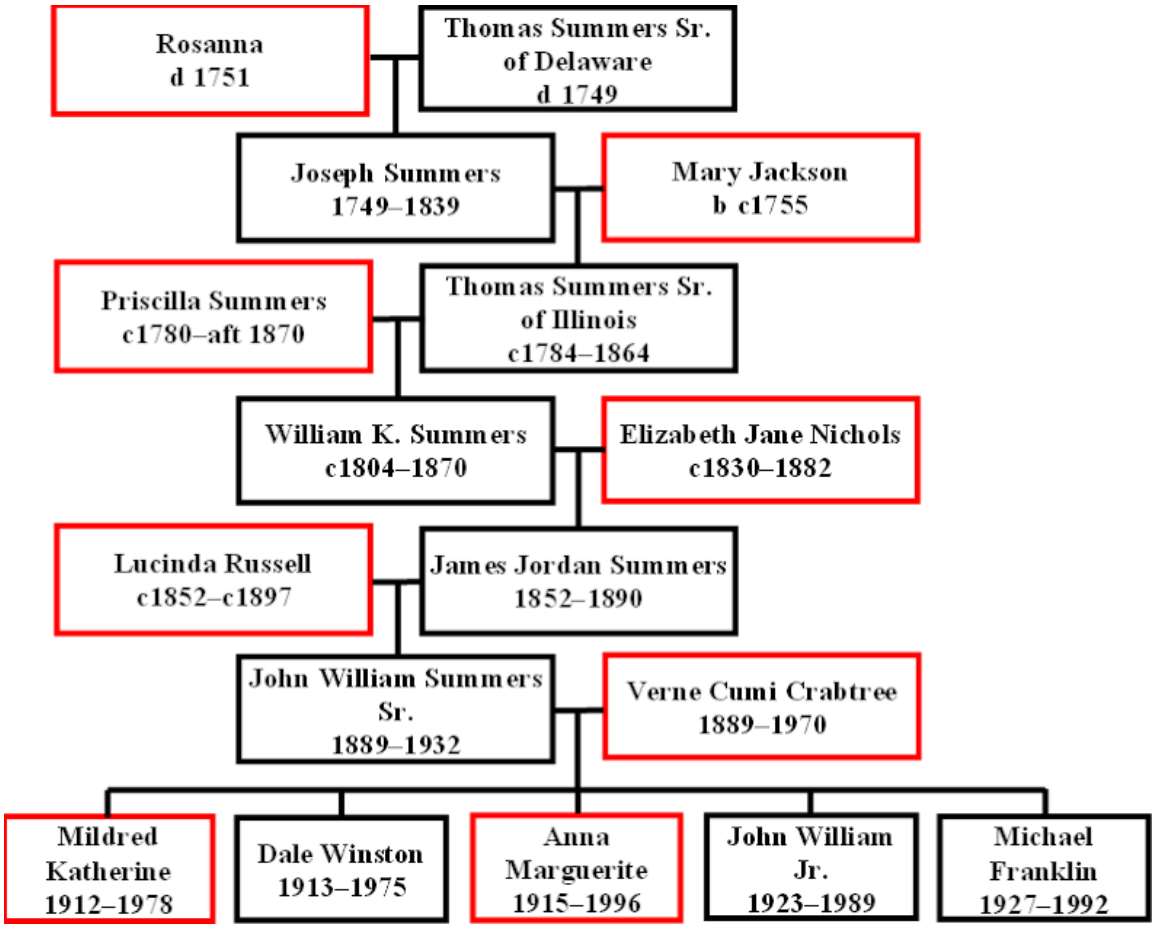

Wittenberg Summers Line

One rule used in writing this book is that personal details (but not necessarily names) be omitted for still-living individuals, excepting those few whose fame or notoriety has already put specifics before the public. Another rule is that details for deceased parents and siblings of still-living persons be treated with care (though never falsified). Exceptions are made when living individuals permit or request the inclusion of their personal information. That has been done for members of my immediate family.

In an effort for absolute accuracy, three self-imposed mandates were employed. First, when possible, original records and photocopies, photographs, or digital images of original records were used in data collection, a condition met perhaps half the time, with reliable secondary sources and transcriptions used otherwise. Any exceptions are clearly noted. In a citation, the phrase "transcribed from a digital copy of the original record" or something similar always denotes a transcription by me. All references to *Find A Grave* are based on my readings of posted cemetery marker photos or from sourced obituaries and never from "memorial" entries, which are always questionable. Second, nothing significant (excluding, of course, generally accepted or readily available fact) has been stated without an explanation or a source. Third, any use of deduction, assumption, guesswork, family tradition, or questionable records is clearly stated. The multiplication of errors by "family historians" copying each other without hint of reliable sources is appalling. Quoting from genetic genealogist Roberta Estes, "Proof is not, not, 1000 times not someone else's tree." For this reason I have not used the ridiculously inaccurate Geneanet Community Trees Index as a source. This means that the Summers family history found in this book is often less extensive and less detailed than "histories" proclaimed elsewhere, and often differs from them,

Unfortunately, the accuracy of family photographs supplied by others and shown in this book usually cannot be unquestionably verified. I have sought to ensure that photo dates, portrayed apparel, apparent subject ages, and sources are reasonable, but photo errors have undoubtedly crept in. Let's hope they are few.

Birth and death dates calculated from ages given solely in years are conservatively presented. For example, if a calculation from an age in a census or a death record yields a birthdate range of 2 Jun 1850 to 1 Jun 1851, this

is reported as "1850–1851," "c1850," or "c1851." Census ages are notoriously unreliable (increasingly so with increasing age), and ages at death are often provided by uninformed parties. Marriage date ranges calculated from years married are also conservatively reported.

Unless otherwise noted, all census citations are for population schedules, and all census data are from images of original documents on *Ancestry.com* as read by me. Census transcriptions by others are never used.

Unless I have acceptable evidence for a middle name or initial, I don't give one. Names provided by close (and they must be close) family members are acceptable. An endnote reference next to part of a name, e.g. "John Douglas[000] Doe," usually gives the source for that portion.

As for abbreviations, "Precinct" is abbreviated "Pct" and "District," "Distr" when showing a specific location (e.g. "Paradise Pct," "Distr 10"); otherwise, the words are spelled out. When part of a location that includes a state, the word "County" in the text, but only some of the sources and figures, is abbreviated "Co," e.g., "Kent Co, Delaware." In locations "Borough" (Alaska) and "Parish" (Louisiana) are abbreviated "Bor" and "Par."

In Public Land Survey System (PLSS) location designations "Section," "Township," and "Range" are reduced to "S," "T," and "R." Elsewhere, in location descriptions they are "Sec," "Twp," and just "Range" (e.g., "Sec 10," "Eastern Twp"). As an example of a PLSS designation, the location "South Half of Northwest Quarter of Sec 9, Twp 10 North, Range 12 West" is abbreviated as "S½ NW¼ S9 T10N R12W."

In exact dates, months and days are given three-letter abbreviations (e.g., "Mon 20 Jun 1938") but are spelled out elsewhere (e.g., "June flowers," "married on a Monday," "September 1908"). "SS" denotes "Social Security"; "SSDI," "Social Security Death Index"; "BIRLS," "Beneficiary Identification Records Locator Subsystem," and "WWI, WWII," "World War I, World War II." On rare occasion, "b," "m," and "d" denote "born," "married," and "died." "Circa" is designated by "c." Periods are omitted from all these abbreviations, a style for which I make no apology. Exact quotes, titles, and endnote sources are excluded from these abbreviation guidelines.

Unlike my other history books, this one lacks an Index. Since it is planned that this book will be released only in a digital edition, no index is needed. An electronic search is much faster.

I hesitate to acknowledge the contributions of others, because they are so numerous. But three acknowledgments are needed. Many of the greatest contributions were by Judith ("Judy") Somers, wife of Dale Franklin Somers, whose grandfather changed the spelling of the family name. Judy corresponded with Verne Crabtree Summers and after her 1992 death, some of Judy's research data were passed to Verne, who then made some additions. Betty Lou ("Betsy"), the wife of Verne's son Mike, passed Verne's materials to me along with things Betsy had collected. It is interesting that these major contributions were made by wives of Summers descendants—Judy, Verne, and Betsy (now, all deceased)—rather than by Summers men.

I have learned a lot from researching this history. And one thing I have learned is that family historians are farmers, growing and nurturing family trees. And occasionally harvesting crops of nuts, which I have found in every family I have researched.

In closing this Foreword, I wish to cite a poem that has been attributed to Grace Noll Crowell, though I can find it in no book or other work by that now-deceased poet. Family history books following a paternal line, as this one does, often relegate kinswomen to secondary roles, something not only unjust, but terribly inaccurate.

Kinswomen

I owe a debt to all the kin of mine
Whose blood flows in my veins, exultant, free.
The things that make a commonplace day shine
Are good and gracious gifts they gave to me.
Mine were a simple folk—they loved the soil,
They loved the land and claimed it as their right.
They knew the blessedness of honest toil,
They loved their roof, their fire, their beds at night.

These, too, I cherish, and I often see
Some dear kinswoman of the long ago
Move out across the years to come to me
To talk of precious things we love and know:
Our households, husband, children, and the near
good everydayness of the things we hold dear.

Grace Noll Crowell

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From 1919 to 1931, John William Summers was stationmaster in this Wittenberg depot.

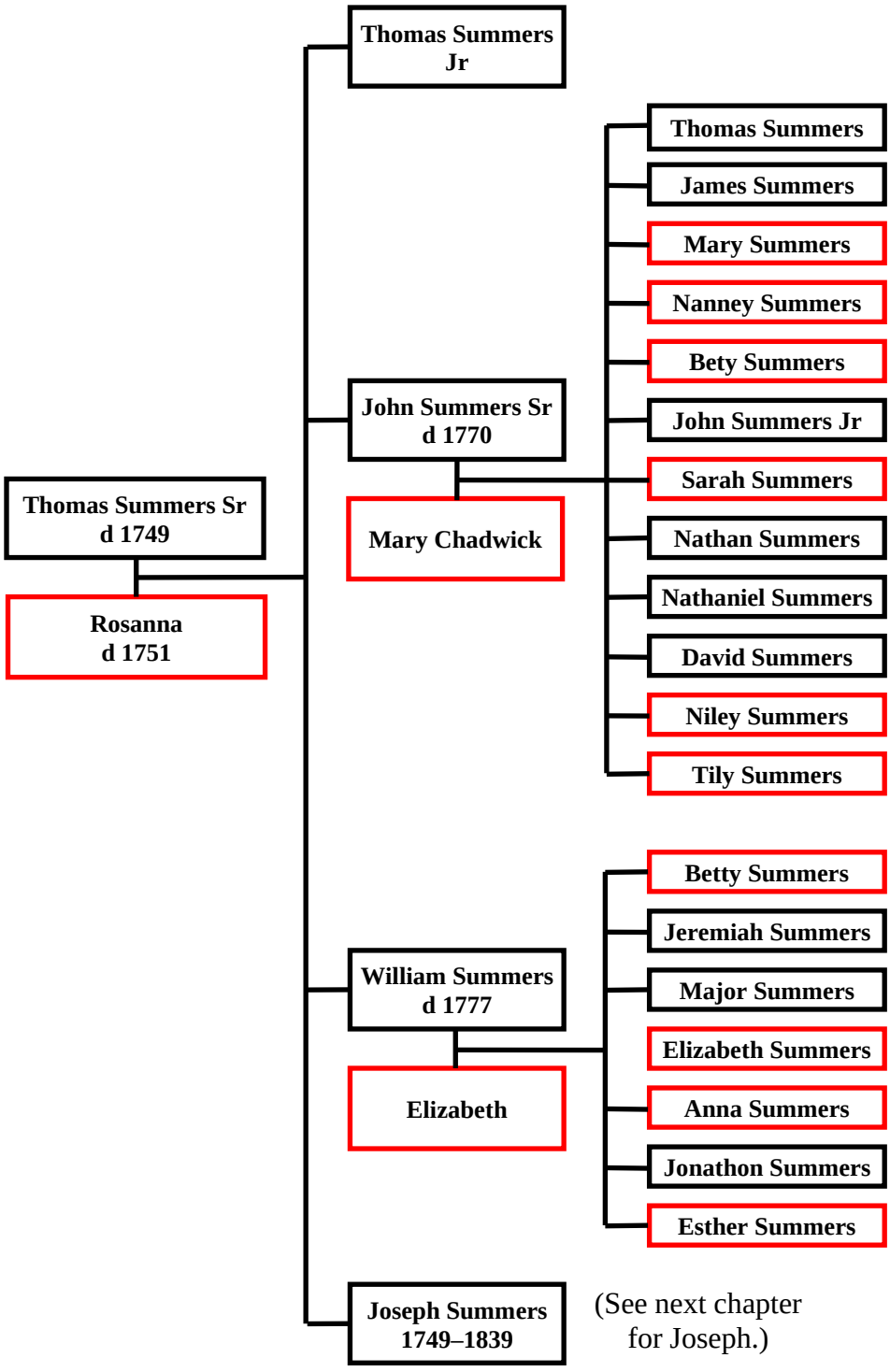
Robert Edwin and Mary Frances Summers Tapscott

Bob and Mary Frances reside in Albuquerque, New Mexico, their home since 1968. For over thirty years, Bob worked for the University of New Mexico, where he was a Professor of Chemistry and later the Director of the Center for Global Environmental Technologies. Since retiring from the University, Bob writes family histories, serves as the home chef, and volunteers part time at the Good Shepherd Center, a homeless shelter—all efforts, at present, profitless. And he loves to play poker with other "oldies," even more profitless. Bob has won a few academic awards, not a single one having a thing to do with this book and not, therefore, listed here. Ever hopeful, he is awaiting the day when movie rights for this or a future tome are snapped up by a Hollywood studio.

Mary Frances, the instigator of this book, retired in 2012 after serving as full-time Director of Technology (i.e., she handled computers) for St. Pius X High School in Albuquerque. Now, when she is not being bored by Bob's incessant ramblings about family history research, she sings with the Holy Rosary Catholic Church choir (in the past, with the University of New Mexico Chorus, the Threshold Choir, and the Newman Center Church choir), knits and sews with the Tuesday's Angels" (which makes textile items for low income and homeless people), records newspaper readings for the blind, and plays a mean game of Mahjong.

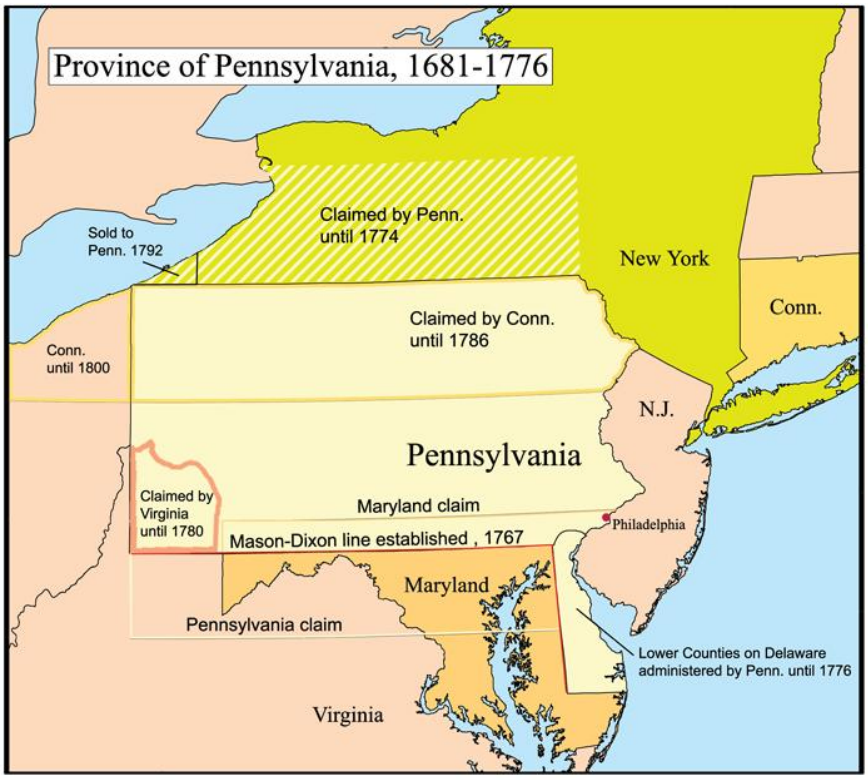
These days Bob and Mary Frances live with only a cat, Annie. Their sole child, Michael, and his spouse, Dara, live in Phoenix, Arizona. There, Mike is an Instructional Services Supervisor at GateWay Community College and Dara is a Community Care Dental Assistant at the VA dental clinic. It's strange that we describe and categorize individuals primarily by their occupations. Oh well, *c'est la vie*. But Mike and Dara do have much more than occupational success in their portfolios. Mike is an outstanding writer (much better than his dad) and Dara, an exceedingly talented photographer (and the sensible glue that holds the family together).

Thomas Summers Sr of Delaware



It all started, at least in America, with Thomas Summers, a well-to-do early 18th-century planter, who owned several hundred acres of Kent County land in what is today the state of Delaware. Admittedly, countless internet trees (over three thousand at *Ancestry.com* alone) carry the line beyond Delaware, back to England, claiming that Thomas was born at various dates in Newcastle on Tyne and other British locations. But nearly all of those trees give other trees as sources. A case of trees referencing trees. And those very, very few that cite baptismal and/or

birth records fail to show that the Thomas Summers in the British records is the same as the Thomas Summers of Kent Co, Delaware. A huge number of Thomas Summerses (yes, a name ending in "s" is pluralized by adding "es") have lived on this planet. Perhaps someday we will be able to reliably trace Thomas's ancestry back to the old world, but that day has yet to arrive.



Province of Pennsylvania. (Kmusser, *Wikipedia*, Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 2.5 Genericlicense.)

Thomas first appears in a Delaware Colony record for 12 May 1741, when he obtained a warrant for 200 acres in Mispillion Hundred in Kent County.[2] A "hundred" was a designation used in Old England for a piece of land that could supply one hundred men at arms or that could support one hundred families. Take your choice, for the term's origin is obscure. In British America, hundreds were simply portions of land, of varying areas, within a county. They were essentially civil townships. The state of Delaware still uses hundreds as land divisions.

Formed in 1682 as one of the original Delaware hundreds, Mispillion is the largest hundred in Kent County though it is smaller than it was in colonial times. Then, it embraced all land south of Murderkill Creek and north of Mispillion Creek from the Delaware River to the Maryland line. In early times, the area was covered with forest (largely cleared today) and deeds often used the term "forest of Mispillion Hundred." The name "Mispillion" came from the name of the creek flowing through this hundred, but the origin of the creek's name is uncertain. A 1664 map shows the name "Mispening Creek."

And what of that gruesome name "Murderkill"? The name is likely taken from the original Dutch for "Mother Creek." In Dutch, "mother" is "*moeder*" and "creek" was "*kille*" ("*kil*" in modern Dutch).

When Thomas was there, Kent County was part of the Province of Pennsylvania, known also as "Pennsylvania Colony." Kent was one of three Pennsylvania counties collectively designated the "Lower Counties on the Delaware River." When independence from Great Britain was declared in 1776, those counties broke ties with Pennsylvania, becoming "Delaware," one of the thirteen colonies. To simplify things we will use the term "Delaware Colony" for this narrow strip (35 miles across at its widest), even before its separation from Pennsylvania.

It is not unlikely that Thomas was born in England. We know of the early immigration of two Thomas Summers, one arriving in New York City in 1720 and one arriving in Maryland in 1678.[1] But no evidence shows that either of these was Thomas of Kent County.

Mispillion Hundred is in Kent, one of Delaware's three counties.

Mispillion Hundred area of Colonial Delaware.

Following his 1741 purchase, Thomas continued acquiring Mispillion lands. His name appears in a survey of 271 acres dated 12 May 1742;[3] warrants for 140 acres and 200 acres dated 30 Jun 1748;[4,5] and a warrant for another 200 acres dated 14 Sep 1748.[6] Thomas's name also appears in Mispillion Hundred levy (tax) lists for 1743, 1744, and 1748,[7] but not before 1743 even though available lists go back to 1727.

On 20 Aug 1749 in Kent Co, Thomas signed his will.[8] The will names his wife, Rosanna (also "Rosanah" or "Roseanna"), who would receive three cows, two plow horses, and one-third of the personal estate, and it names his four sons. Thomas Jr., presumably the eldest, would get the 140-acre home plantation. John and William, next in line, would be given the plantation on which they were then living and 575 acres of land to be divided equally between them. And finally, Joseph, doubtless the youngest, would have a piece of land, of undefined size, adjoining the home plantation. Thomas Jr. and Rosanna were made executors.

Wills at the time were often made near life's end, sometimes on a deathbed, and Thomas's will was no exception. He had died by 9 Sep 1749, when the will was probated.[8] An inventory of his personal estate, dated 14 Oct 1749 (facsimile next page),[9] totaled £63 10s 8d.[10]

On 17 Mar 1751, less than two years after the death of Thomas Sr., a bond was made for Thomas Jr. to serve as administrator of his mother's estate.[11] An inventory dated Apr 1751 valued her estate at £20 11S 7d.[12] Then on 28 Aug 1751 Thomas Jr. petitioned a court to allow the payment of debts and the distribution of money to his father's heirs:[13]

> *To the worshipfull Justices of the Orphans Court now holden in and For Kent County, Delaware. The petition of Thomas Summers Most Humbly Sheweth that your Peitioner and Rosanna Summers was appointed Executors of Thomas Summers Decesd and the Said Rosanna Dying Soon after Left the Estate unSettled. Therefore your Petitioner Humbly pray that your worships would please to Settle the Accounts following*

Debts and payments totaled £40 5S 2d. The amount to be distributed to heirs according to the will was £25 10S 5d. The sum of these two, £65 15S 8d (it should have been £65 15S 7d), was slightly larger than the personal property inventory. On 27 Aug 1755 Thomas Jr. provided an account for his mother's estate.[14] That Thomas could manage all this is surprising. He, like his brothers, was illiterate. His documents were signed with a mark.[11]

We do not know where Thomas Sr or Rosanna are buried. Presumably they were laid to rest on their Mispillion Hundred plantation.

Thomas Jr., likely the eldest of the four boys, appears in tax records from 1743 through 1760, but not after that year.[7] On 11 Feb 1761 Thomas purchased 154 acres in Mispillion Hundred from William and Josiah Wallace for £48 and then sold the same tract on the same day to John Tharp for £60.[15,16] Thomas Jr. is not seen with certainty in any record after that date.

An Inventory of the Goods and Chattls of Thomas Summors Decyse [decease] appraised by us the subscribers as the same was Brought to our view the 14th day of October 1749

	£	s	d
To wearing apparel	*4*	*15*	*0*
To 2 Cows at 80 S and one 35 S	*5*	*15*	*0*
To 2 old Horses 80 S	*4*	*0*	*0*
To one Cow and two Calfs 50 S and one Horse £6	*8*	*10*	*0*
To Indian Corn in the field £6 and one four year old Stear 40S	*8*	*0*	*0*
To 16lb of putter [pewter] at 20d per 26S/8 and 14 lb of old Dotto [diddo] 15S	*2*	*1*	*8*
To Earthen Wear 7S 7d and one tin funnel 1S	*0*	*8*	*7*
To a parcel of Copperwear 19S two old Books 1S	*1*	*0*	*0*
To 2 Knives old Box iron old Lock and some little Trifols [trifles]	*0*	*12*	*0*
To 2 old Guns 35S Bullet Molds and Som pouder [some powder] 5S	*2*	*0*	*0*
To one old Hakel [?] 1S ott [?] 4S old pocket Book 1S	*0*	*6*	*0*
To 5 Glass Bottles 1S 8d - one Flask 3d Two veiols [vials] Dotto 6d	*0*	*2*	*5*
To 5 old Bolls 14S two old Linnon Whools [linen wools]	*1*	*7*	*0*
To one old woolen wheel & Cards 4S hair sifter 1S 6d	*0*	*5*	*6*
To 2 weding Hose 6S Carpenters tools 18S	*1*	*4*	*0*
To 12 Woolen gator [?] 21S two plow Shears Coulti & Masson 20S	*2*	*1*	*0*
To 3 old Iron Potts 7S 6d one Small Skillet & old pans 7S 6d	*0*	*15*	*0*
To Jool Lather [leather] 8S Two Raw hidds [hides] 4S Horse Harness 5S	*0*	*17*	*0*
To a pair of hand mill stons 6S a Bushel & peck of pear 3S	*0*	*9*	*0*
To one Sadle & Bridle 24S old cart Wheels 3S	*1*	*8*	*0*
To one old Linnon Bagg 1S 6d Small parsol of flacks [parcel of flax] 5S	*0*	*6*	*6*
To Chests 5S old table and two old chairs 4S	*0*	*9*	*0*
To a Small looking Glass 2S Some Small Lumber 1S	*0*	*3*	*0*
To 3 young Hogs 15S Twenty Dotte 80S	*4*	*15*	*0*
To 12 Shays [?] at 5S Five Woad 60S one halph a Bushol of flax 3S	*3*	*3*	*0*
To 2 old Lather Beds & furniture 96S old Dotte 20S	*5*	*16*	*0*
To a Small parsol of tobacco 3S and 3 Bushels of Boons 10S	*0*	*13*	*0*
To 8½ Bushols of Wheat at 3S 6d for Bushol 29S 9d	*1*	*9*	*9*
To Son: Indego and Blue Stone	*0*	*2*	*0*
To 2 Stacks of Indian Fother [Indian corn fodder]	*0*	*15*	*0*
To one putter [pewter] plat	*0*	*1*	*3*
	£63	*10*	*8*

Facsimile of Estate Inventory for Thomas Sr.

John, likely the next oldest, is known to have married Mary Chadwick, daughter of James.[17] His Kent County will, signed with his mark 2 Apr 1770, names twelve children—Thomas, James, Mary, Nanny, Bety, John, Sarah, Nathan, Nathaniel, David, Niley (Nellie?), Tily (Tilly?).[18] He passed away by 18 Apr 1770, when his will was probated.

William, who appears in Mispillion tax lists from 1744 through 1771,[7,19] signed his will with his mark in Kent County on 25 Jun 1777, naming his wife, Elizabeth, and his son Major as administrators.[20] The will was probated 6 Aug 1777. All seven of William's children are named in a sale of land by his heirs on 11 Oct 1779: Betty, Jeremiah, Major, Jonathan, Elizabeth, Anna, Jonathan, and Esther.[21]

And last we come to Joseph, who was a child when his parents died. Some say that he was born posthumously; however that is exceedingly unlikely since he is named, as a boy, in his father's will. Joseph is the only one of Thomas's children whose descendants have some relatively reliable records. And it is Joseph's line that we follow in this book.

Scattered woodlands remain, but most Mispillion forests have been replaced with farmland (2019).

Joseph Summers

Born in in Kent Co, Delaware Colony, in 1749,[22] the year his father died, and named in his father's will,[8] Joseph appears in the tax list for Mispillion Hundred in 1770, when he would have been age 21.[19] His name is found next in the 1771 tax list, but is crossed out. It was around that time that Joseph moved to North Carolina. With only a small amount of inherited land, he had little to keep him in Delaware. A few years later Joseph joined the North Carolina militia.[23] He fought in no major battles and served only a few months, but his application for a military pension in 1832, while living in Morgan Co, Illinois, provides a detailed deposition (which he signed with a mark) that supplies much of Joseph's history.[22] A transcription is presented here.

On this Twenty Second day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before William Woods, James Green & William Gillham Judges of the county commissioners court of said county now sitting, Joseph Summers a resident of said county aged Eighty three years. Who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declarations in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. About the time of the commencement of the Revolutionary War he resided in the county of Guilford and State of North Carolina, then was a call upon the Militia for Volunteers to go after some Indians who had been committing some desecrations upon the Americans, he Volunteered in a company commanded by Capt Thomas Flack attached to a Regiment commanded by Col James Martin, the Regiment was organized at Guilford Courthouse in the fall of the year, but deponent does not recollect this year he recollects being on liberty post at Guilford Courthouse at the time the Regiment was organized. The Regiment marched from Guilford to the Indian Village, but the Indians had left the place, the village was destroyed by the Militia. After the Village was destroyed the Troops returned and were dismissed, deponent cannot state the times that he served on this expedition with confidence, he volunteered to serve three months and his best recollection is that he served from August or September until about Christmas following-not long after he was discharged from this companys Services, he volunteered to serve a tour of duty of three months in Capt. Edward Gwynns Company, John Gwynn was the Lieutenant, the company was organized in Guilford County North Carolina. deponent does not remember what Regiment the Company was attached to. The company marched down to Chatham County remained there some time and returned to Guilford and a short time thereafter marched to Randolph County where twenty one Tories were taken prisoners. They were taken to Hillsborough and left then to be tried as deponent understood, deponent served at this time three months and was discharged, shortly after this discharge he volunteered again under Capt. Edward Gwynn to serve three months the company was formed in Guilford County aforesaid the company was employed in scouting through the country and defending the Inhabitants from injury by the Tories and British-deponent thinks he was employed in the service three months, upon being discharged from this service, deponent volunteered to serve another tour of duty of three months in Capt Elliots Company the company was organized in Guilford County, and joined Genl Greens Army not far from Guilford Courthouse. He does not remember the Regiment to which he was attached, but Elliots Company was made up of mounted Volunteers, and deponent thinks that the company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Col Lee,-deponent furnished his own Horse on this expedition and Served three months, he was discharged only two days before the Battle at Guilford Courthouse, The deponent says that his memory is treacherous, that he cannot recollect dates,-According to the best information that he has been able to obtain he was born in the year 1749 in Kent County, Delaware. he moved ~~with his father~~ [crossed out] to Guilford ~~Courthouse~~ [crossed out] County North Carolina when he was about twenty three years old. He resided in Guilford County, North Carolina most of the time until about thirty six years ago removed to Sumner County Tennessee. he remained there until about two years and nine months since, when he removed to Morgan County, Illinois where he now resides. He has no record of his ages and Speaks of the same from information which he believes to be true. He has no documentary or other

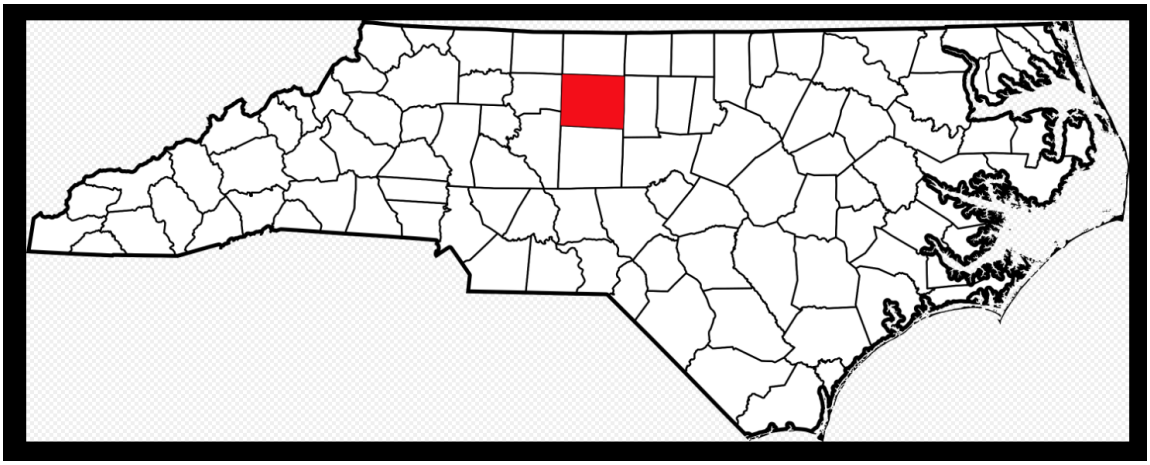
Written evidence of his services in the Army He does not now Know of anyone living who can testify to his services except Joseph Jackson of Morgan County, Illinois who Knows that deponent Served but does not know how long. Deponent is personally known to Lawrence Killsborn and Thomas Cowhick, Jesse B. Schultz, Robert Gates, & others who reside in the neighborhood where deponant now resides-deponant never received any discharge for any Tour of duty which he performed. He has never received any pay or compensation for his services. He hereby relinquishes any claims whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that he is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state or Territory.

Subscribed & sworn to this day and year aforesaid.

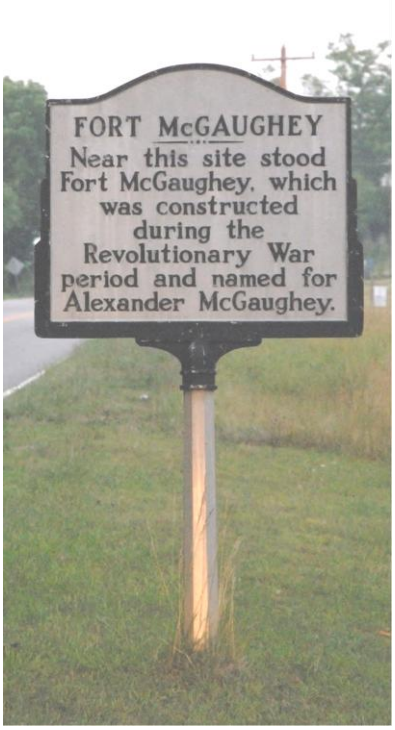
Joseph {his X mark}
Summers
William Woods
William Gillham
James Green

Joseph's Travels

Guilford County, where Joseph arrived around 1772 ("he was about twenty three years old" according to his deposition),[22] lies in northern North Carolina. Midway between the mountains and the sea, this piedmont county was established in 1771, just a year or so before Joseph's arrival. In 1782 the county was the site of the "Battle of Guilford Courthouse," a turning point in the Revolutionary War in the South. During the battle Nathaniel Greene's troops devastated the army commanded by British General Charles Cornwallis, causing the British to eventually withdraw into Virginia, leading to their defeat at Yorktown. When first formed, Guilford extended north to the state line, but in 1785, following the Revolutionary War, the county of Rockingham was established, separating what remained of Guilford from Virginia.



Guilford County. (By David Benbennick, *Wikimedia*.)



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Joseph had four tours of duty in the Revolutionary War, all with the North Carolina militia.[22,24] His first was in the 1776 campaign against the Cherokees, led by Gen. Griffith Rutherford of Rowan Co, North Carolina. The Cherokee-American wars were a series of conflicts and raids between American colonists and Cherokee tribes, brought on by the expansion of colonials into tribal lands in western North Carolina.[25] Conflicts with the Cherokees had gone on for decades, but by 1776 the Cherokees were British allies, and the hostilities were impeding the colonial insurrection. On 23 Jul 1776, after a trek of 150 miles or so from Guilford Courthouse (near present-day Greensboro), the Guilford Militia commanded by Lt. Col. James Martin rendezvoused with Rutherford's regiment at Fort McGahey in what is now Rutherford Co, North Carolina.[26] After reaching as far as northwestern Tennessee, the troops returned in October. The three-month-long 1776 expedition resulted in the destruction of 36 Indian villages and the killing of a large number of Cherokees.[27] Losses by the colonials were minor.

Joseph then served two three-month tours, probably around 1779, under Capt. Edward Gwynne (usually spelled "Gwinn" or "Gwin"), who commanded companies of the Guilford County Regiment under Col. John Peasley.[28]

Joseph's final tour, probably Dec 1780 into Mar 1781, just missing the famous Battle of Guilford Courthouse, was with Capt. John Elliott's company of mounted volunteers, which was known to be associated with the newly-created North Carolina Light Horse Regiment under James Read.[29] Some believe that while serving under Elliott, Joseph fought in two North Carolina engagements, the Battle of Cowan's Ford (1 Feb 1781 on the Catawba River in Mecklenburg County) and the Battle ("Skirmish" would be a better word) of Trading Ford (3-4 Feb 1781 on the Yadkin River, Rowan County). There is, however, no strong evidence for Joseph's participation in either of these conflicts.

In these woods, part of Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, General Charles Cornwallis, Earl Cornwallis, and General Nathanael Greene met on 15 Mar 1781 in one of the major Southern Campaign battles of the Revolutionary War, a battle Joseph Summers missed by just days (2019).

In Guilford Co, where he lived both before and after the war, Joseph Summers married Mary, daughter of William and Margaret Jackson.[30] The bond was dated 2 Aug 1774.[31]

> *Know all men by these presents that we Joseph Summers & Alexr Moody are held and firmly bound to our Sovereign lord the King, his heirs be in the Just & full sum of Fifty pounds proclamation Money we bind our Selves & Each of our Heirs jointly & Severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals & Dated this 2d day of August AD 1774. The Condition of the above obligation is such that Whereas the above bound Joseph Summers hath made Application for a License for Marriage to be Celebrated between him & Mary Jackson, both of Guilford County agreeable to an act of the General Assembly of this Province Ratified the 4th day of April 1741 now if it shall not appear any time hereafter that there is no Just Cause to obstruct the said marriage then the obligation is to be void and of non effect Else to Remain in force & Virtue.*
>
> *Sealed & Delivered in the Presence of Joseph Summers*
>
> *Alexd Moody*
> *Alex McClaren*

On 7 Nov 1786 Joseph purchased a 200-acre tract of land from James Donnell for £100 "current money."[32] The land was said to be "on both sides Mill Creek of Haw River." A slightly later document indicates that "Mill Creek" was known as "Patrick's Mill Creek of Haw River."[33] A recent family history, contains the following:[34]

> *For families living near what is now the line between Guilford and Rockingham Counties, the first center of commerce may have been the mill erected in 1758 or 1759 at the confluence of Mill Creek and the Haw River. The mill, later called Patrick's Mill was located in what is now Rockingham County approximately two miles from the Simpson family property on Mears Fork.*

This seems to put Joseph's land somewhere north of Greensboro towards the Rockingham County line.

Joseph did not keep his 200 acres long. On 20 May 1788, he sold 100 acres of that tract to Charles Barham for £100 "current money."[35]And on 20 Sep 1790, he sold the other 100 acres, to Jonathan Parker.[33] The latter indenture is most unusual because it appears to have been witnessed by Joseph's wife, Mary. In general, women could not witness documents, particularly, those of her husband, since at the time they were considered under "coverture," meaning their legal identity was subsumed by their husband's. Admittedly, the handwritten documentation of the witness's signature with a mark is unclear, but it is obviously for a person with the last name "Summers," and Joseph had no children old enough, nor any brothers known to be in Guilford County.

It might appear that Joseph had doubled his money by buying land at £100 and selling it for £200, but the value of currency depreciated significantly following the Revolutionary War. Joseph could have lost money.

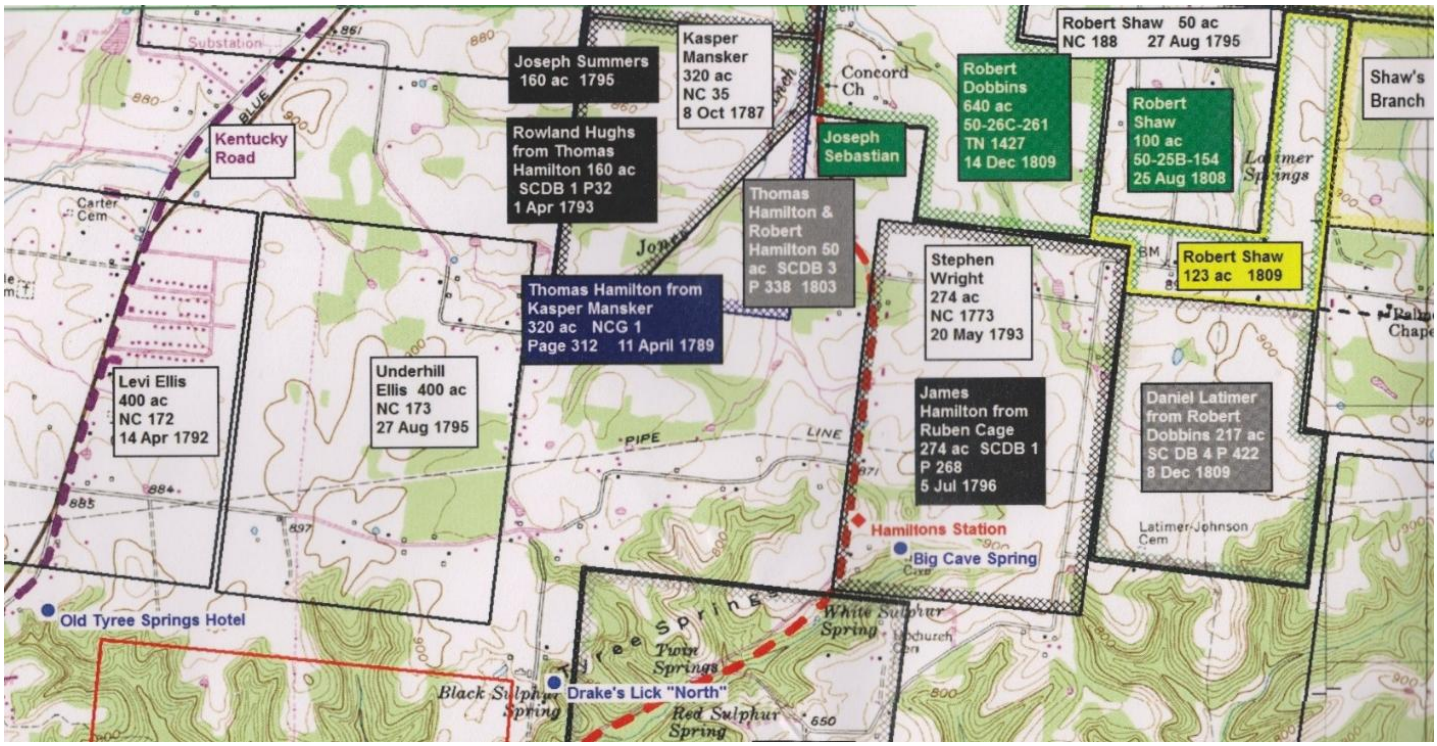
Joseph "Summerz" and Mary (presumably, one of five unnamed "Free white females") appear in the 1790 census for Guilford Co, North Carolina, with six children, two boys and four girls.[36] Joseph is next seen in the 1796 tax list for Sumner Co, Tennessee, where he is living in the Red River area.[37] In the 1820 Sumner County census he is living in a household with one girl and three adults, age 45 and over.[38] Then in a 1824 Sumner County tax list Joseph is living near "Ridge," an escarpment running more or less east and west that divides the county's northern highlands from the southern basin.[39]

What brought Joseph to Sumner County is unknown. The county, which lies on the state line with Kentucky in what is commonly called "Middle Tennessee," was created in 1786, just three years after the end of the Revolutionary War. At that time, Tennessee was still the western part of North Carolina. It did not become a state until 1796.

In 1786 a James Summers from North Carolina was granted 857 acres in Davidson Co, Tennessee, on the Red River, for his Revolutionary War service.[40] Sumner County was carved out of Davidson County and Joseph Summers is known to have had land on the Red River.[37] Since Joseph is claimed by some to have had the full name "James Joseph Summers," one might propose that our Joseph was the land grant recipient. This, however, is unwarranted. James Summers, the grantee, is known to have been a sergeant and musician in the Continental Army.[41,42] No records show that Joseph, who served in a state militia not the Continental Army, had been a sergeant or musician. And, despite claims, no evidence is found showing that Joseph Summers also had the name "James." Finally, Joseph had 160, not 857, acres in Sumner County.[37]

Sumner County was developed for agriculture, tobacco, hemp, and livestock. And the larger planters depended on slaves. It is claimed that Middle Tennessee had a lower proportion of slaves than the western part of the state, though that isn't saying much.

On 7 Nov 1795 Joseph purchased a 160-acre tract in Sumner County lying on the Red River from Thomas Hamilton for £120 (Virginia currency).[43] In the Sumner County Archives, Gallatin, Tennessee, is a recently created land ownership map showing Joseph Summers with 160 acres in the western part of the county, near the border with Robertson County.[44] The 160 acres lie on or near several tributaries of the Red River, the location given for Joseph's land in his purchase indenture and in a 1796 tax record.[37] The map also shows the property of Joseph Sebastian, just a little east and slightly south of Joseph Summers. Five years after Joseph Summers's purchase, Joseph Sebastian would marry Joseph Summers's daughter Mary Polly.[45]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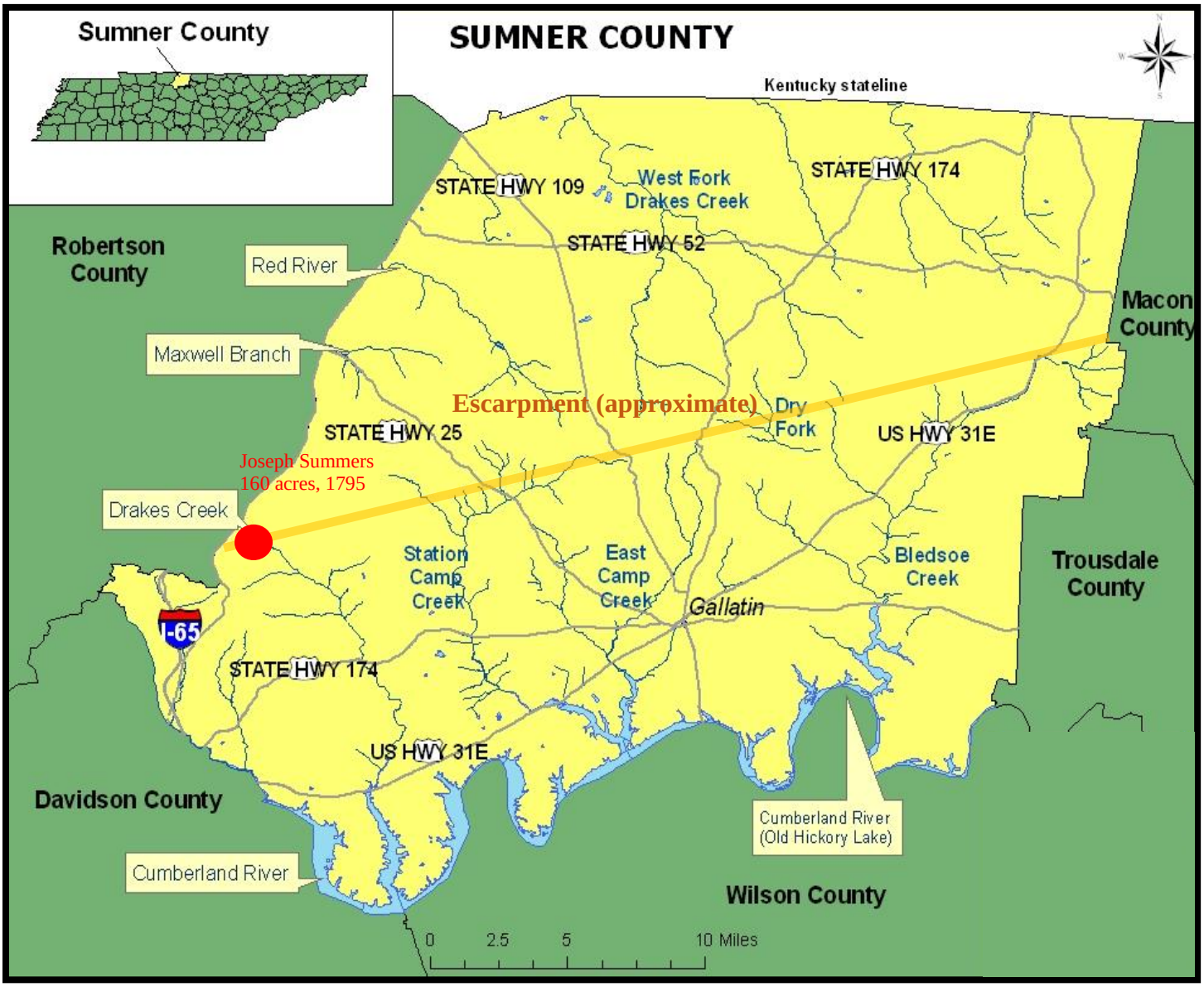
Land ownership map, Sumner County Archives, Gallatin, Tennessee.



Location of Joseph Summers's Sumner County property. (Based on present-day map from Tourism Board of Sumner County.)

In 1895 Joseph Summers lived where today are found luxurious Sumner County farms (2019).

Some claim that Joseph Summers and his family resided in Logan Co, Kentucky between 1795 and 1815 and again around 1824 or 1825; however, not a grain of evidence is available to substantiate these claims. In fact, Joseph is known to have been in Sumner County in 1824.[39] Moreover, Joseph did not mention Kentucky in his Revolutionary War pension declaration. As we will see, however, Joseph's son William does appear to have lived for a while in Kentucky.

Morgan County. (David Benbennick, *Wikimedia*.)

Joseph's pension records show that he was living in Morgan Co, Illinois, by 16 Apr 1833[22] and was in Illinois sometime before that date, when he was added to the state's pension role at $32.77 per year.[23] In Morgan County, Joseph and his wife may have been living with their presumed son John, whose household in 1830 had an older couple.[46]

A questionable source states that while residing in Morgan County, Joseph died in Scott County and was buried there.[24] A more questionable source gives a death date of 5 Oct 1839.[47] Scott County having been formed from part of Morgan County in 1839, Joseph may not have moved in order to have resided in one county and died in the other.

When Joseph and Mary traveled from Guilford County to Sumner County to Morgan County, they were probably followed by members of Mary Jackson's family. When in 1818 Joseph sold land to his presumed son-in-law Joseph Sebastian (see below) the witnesses to protect Mary Jackson's dower rights (usually the wife's father or brother) were Andrew Jackson and Joseph Jackson. Mary is known to have had a brother Andrew.[30] Joseph Jackson, a veteran of the Revolutionary War and the correct age to also be Mary's brother, was living in Guilford County in 1800[48] and in Sumner County in 1820 and 1840.[49,50] And in 1830 Joseph Jackson and his wife, Margaret (Lyster) Jackson,[51] may have been living in Morgan Co, Illinois, in the William Jackson household, which contained an older couple.[52] William was likely Joseph Jackson's son.[53] Joseph Jackson was living in Morgan County in 1835 when he applied for a pension for his wartime service,[54] but he soon moved back to Sumner Co, where he probably lived out his life, dying 11 Oct 1844.[55] In Joseph Jackson's pension application, Joseph Summers stated that when living in Guilford County he was well acquainted with Jackson, probably because they were brothers-in-law.[56]

Joseph's Children

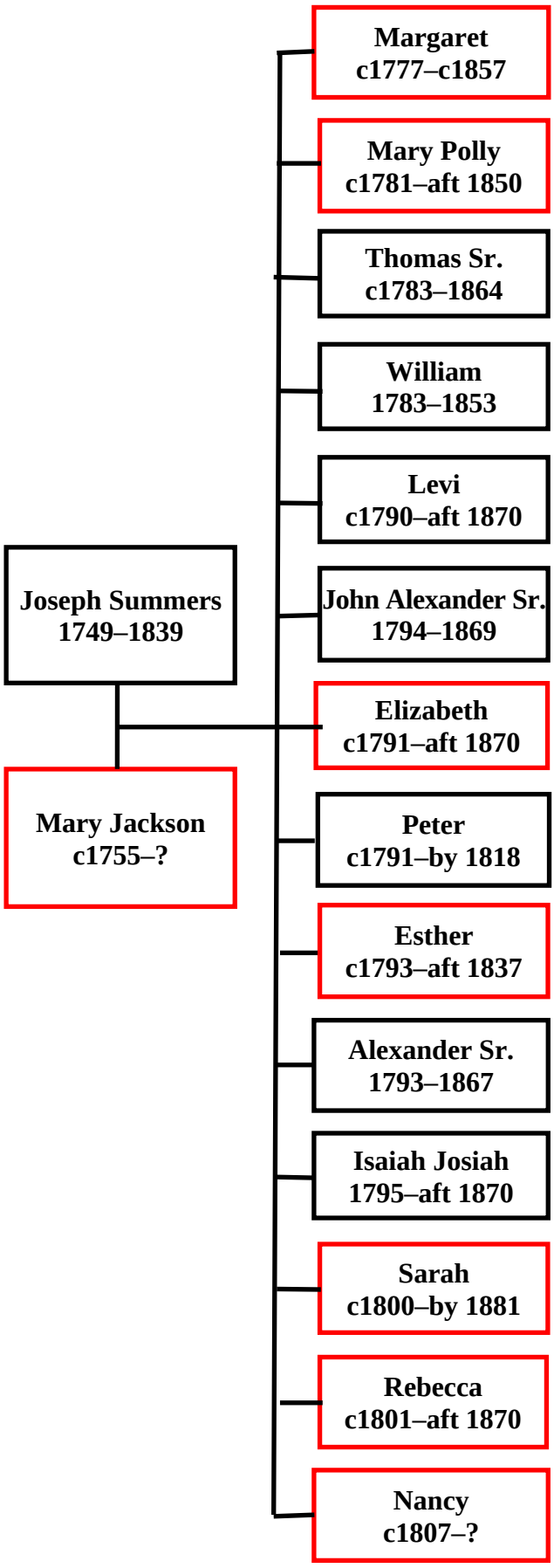
We face a major problem with Joseph and Mary's descendants. We have no proof of who most were. The 1790 census for Guilford County shows that they had six children at the time. two boys and four girls.[36] But then they moved to Sumner Co, Tennessee, for which Federal census records are missing for 1800 and 1810. By 1820, the family consisted of one young woman, age 16 through 25 who could not have appeared in the 1790 census, and three adults, age 45 or older, one probably an adult child.[38] Thus, all we know with any certainty is the family had no less than seven children, two boys and five girls, of which at least six were born in North Carolina. But the number of offspring is likely greater.

A search for people of suitable age with the name "Summers" who lived in Sumner Co, Tennessee, particularly those born in North Carolina and/or associated with other possible descendants, yields fourteen likely candidates for Joseph and Mary's children. Of these, only William and Nancy are shown as their children in reliable records.

Margaret Summers, born c1777 in North Carolina,[57] married James Smothers. Born c1771 in Kent Co, Delaware,[58] James was just an infant when his presumed future father-in-law moved from Kent County to North Carolina. But James caught up with Joseph and ended up marrying his daughter, on 2 Apr 1795, presumably in Guilford Co, North Carolina.[59] The couple then moved to Sumner County, probably with Joseph and his family. It was in Sumner County, on 7 Nov 1895, that James witnesses the purchase by Joseph Summers of his 160-acre tract on the Red River.[43] Many years later, on 27 Nov 1813 in Gallatin, Sumner County, James joined the 39th Regiment of the U.S. Infantry to fight in the War of 1812.[58] The 39th did not battle British. It fought British allies, the "Red Sticks," part of the Creek Indian Nation. In the spring of 1814, Andrew Jackson, the future president, placed the 39th (the best trained troops he had) in the center of an attack on the Red Sticks near a bend in the Tallapoosa River in Mississippi Territory (today, Georgia). The Creeks were defeated at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend, but the 39th suffered significant casualties. Years later, James's presumed brother-in-law, Alexander Summers, stated that[60]

> *he served with James Smothers [in the] 39th Regt. That James Smothers died 26 August 1814 at a Fort near Mobile of a disease he thinks occasioned by an over heat in a battle with the Creek Indians at the Horse Shoe.*

Battle of Horseshoe Bend (Public domain, Wikimedia).



Joseph and Mary with candidate children.

And, in a War of 1812 widow's pension application filed in 1854, James's widow, Margaret, stated that

her husband the aforesaid James Smothers died on the 26th day of August 1814 at a fort near Mobile, in consequence of disease

The fort near Mobile was almost certainly Fort Montgomery, constructed specifically for the Creek War. But all this brings us to a mystery. At a Sumner Co, Tennessee, court in November 1814, just two months after James's death, his will was introduced for probate. The will, starting with the words "I James Smothers of Sumner County, and State of Tennessee" and witnessed by Margaret's brother Levi Summers and a Jacob Harder, was dated 25 Aug 1814, the day before his death.[61] How could he have signed his will in Sumner County and have died the next day near Mobile, Alabama. The answer is, he didn't. The two witnesses, Levi Summers and Jacob Harder, also from Sumner County, both served in the 39th and both were discharged after the date that James Smothers died, Levi on 21 Sep 1814 (from a second enlistment),[62] Harder on 13 Oct 1814.[63] The will was probably written and signed while James, Levi, and Jacob were in active duty and returned when Levi was discharged.

Margaret lived the rest of her life a widow. She is found with four girls and three boys in Sumner County in 1820.[64] Then, in 1830 in Morgan Co, Illinois,[65] near the families of her presumed first cousin, William Jackson,[52] and her brothers William[66] and John.[46] In 1840, in Gallatin Co, Illinois, she was probably the 60 to 70-year-old lady in the household of her son John.[67] Finally in 1850 she is found with, John and his family in Saline Co, Illinois.[57] There, on 10 May 1852, Margaret received a warrant for 160 acres of Saline County land, awarded due to her late husband James's military service.[68] And there in 1854 she applied for a War of 1812 widow's pension, which was, for some reason, rejected.[69] She is not seen in the 1860 census, or in any other record after 1854.

Mary ("Polly") Summers was born c1781 in North Carolina[70] and married Joseph "Sebastan" in Sumner County 24 Mar 1800.[45] On 14 Nov 1818 Joseph Summers sold 10 acres of land to Joseph "Sebastan," but no price was mentioned. It was likely a gift, possibly a belated dowry. The Sebastians settled in Lincoln Co, Tennessee,[71,72] where Mary is last seen in the 1850 census.[73] Joseph Sebastian's will, which names four children (Matilda, Isaac, Nancy wife of Daniel Whitaker, and Jane wife of John Warren), was signed in Lincoln County on 28 Jun 1859 and probated 6 Jul 1865.[74] The original will shows Joseph's wife as living and a codicil dated 9 Oct 1861 shows no changes indicating her death, but Joseph is seen without Mary in the 1860 census.[75]

Thomas Summers Sr. is discussed in the next chapter, where strong evidence is presented showing him to be a son, probably the eldest, of Joseph and Mary.

William Summers was born in 1783 in Guilford Co, North Carolina,[76,77] and married Jane Ross,[78] another North Carolinian, born in 1786.[79] The place and date of the marriage are unknown. On 22 Sep 1813 in Sumner Co, Tennessee, presumably where he and Jane were living, William joined the 39th Infantry Regiment, which his brother-in-law James Smothers would join a few weeks later.[77] William's military adventures likely included the Creek Indian conflict of 1814. On 7 Aug 1826 in Sumner Co, William, named as Joseph's son, was given all of his father's remaining land, furniture, household possessions, gun, and tools.[80] In exchange William was to provide for his parents during their natural lives "in a comfortable and decent manner." By 1830 William and Jane, with two boys and two girls, had settled in Morgan Co, Illinois.[66] The family next appears in the 1840 census for Scott County, formed the year before from a portion of Morgan County.[81] Finally, in 1850, William and Jane were living by themselves in the Scott County town of Winchester, where William was working as a carpenter.[79] On 12 Feb 1852 in Scott County, William signed his will, which bequeathed all he had to his wife, Jane, to be passed on to their children when Jane died.[82] The will was probated of 5 Apr 1854. According to their grave marker in the Winchester City Cemetery,

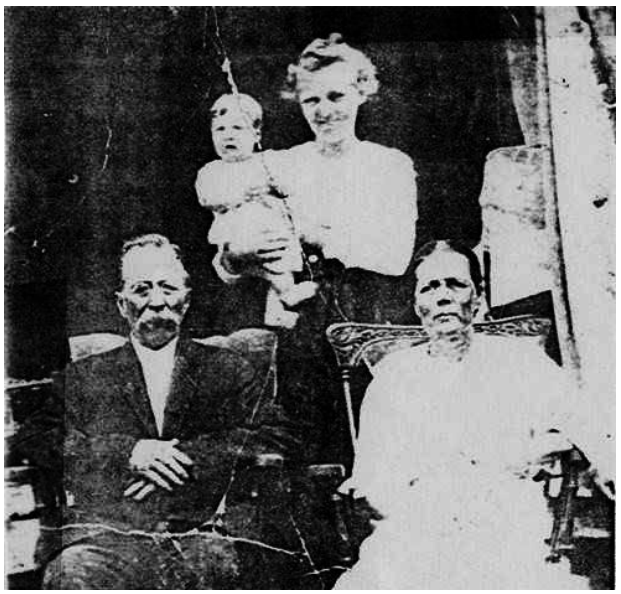


Photo c1850 of William and Jane (Ross) Summers on front porch in Winchester. A daughter, Nancy Elvira, stands in the back. (Info from Dale Richard Summers Sr.)

William died in 1853 and Jane, in 1861.[76,78] That the grave marker looks relatively new and was probably erected by a descendant years later, makes these dates a little suspect.

According to a highly questionable composite obituary for John William Summers, said to be a child of William and Jane,[83] the couple had four other children—Mary[84] ("Polly"), Jane Ross,[85] Joseph, and Nancy[86] Elvira. William and Jane are said to have lived and had children in Kentucky before moving to Morgan County. There is strong evidence of this. Kentucky birthplaces are shown for three of William's supposed children, Jane, Joseph, and John William Summers, in the 1850 census for Winchester, Scott Co, Illinois, where William was also living.[87,88,89]

Levi Summers, on 22 Sep 1813, enlisted in the 39th Infantry in Gallatin, Sumner Co,[90] as did at least four of his brothers and his brother-in-law, James Smothers (though some had difference enlistment dates). And like most or all of the others, he fought in the Creek Indian War.[91] But his enlistment papers give his birthplace as Orange Co, North Carolina, not Guilford County. Of course the two counties are near each other, and Levi might not have known his exact birthplace. Born c1790,[90] he would have been only six or so when Joseph and Mary left North Carolina, heading for Tennessee. Moreover, Guilford County was formed from parts of Orange and Rowan counties in 1770, just a few years before his parents moved.

On 18 Mar 1817 Levi married Louisa Hatchett in Sumner County,[92] and on 8 Jan 1820 he married Polly Price, also in Sumner County.[93] Mary (Polly's alternative name according to a son, Peter)[94] and Levi are found in Sumner County with one child, a daughter under 10, in 1820 and in Franklin Co, Illinois, with six children (three boys and three girls) in 1830.[95,96] But in 1840, Levi is found without Mary, living in Williamson Co, Illinois, with four boys and five girls.[97] Polly had apparently died. Then on 28 Jun 1850 in Saline Co, Illinois, which is adjacent to Williamson, Levi was married a third and final time, to Mary Dillingham.[98] Mary's age varies widely in census records, corresponding to birth years ranging from 1813 to 1821.[99,100] Whatever her actual age, we know that she had been born in Kentucky and that she was a little old for this to be her first marriage. But it may have been her first since she brought in no children. Mary and Levi started out married life in Williamson County,[99] but by 1870 they were living in Frankfort Twp, Franklin Co, Illinois, the home of many of their Summers relatives.[100] And they had two kids of their own—George and Susan. We see neither Levi nor Mary after 1870.

John Alexander Summers Sr., whose middle name is assumed because he had a middle initial "A,"[101] the name suffix "Sr,"[102] and a son John Alexander,[103,104] had his life nicely laid out in a 1933 newspaper article by Sara John English.[105] The article, as much an elegy as a history, is worth rendering here, particularly since a very poor and inaccurate transcription has been widely circulated.

DISCOVERS GRAVE
OF COLONEL
WHO SERVED IN 1812

Jacksonville Woman Relates Trip to Scott County Finding Burial Place of Early American Patriot.
BY SARA JOHN ENGLISH

The way of the research worker is over rough and rugged paths, past logs, over barbed wire fences, through swarms of grasshoppers, hornets, and bumblebees' nests, and cockle-burr patches, and down into the holes of foxes, waist deep. But oh! the joy of finding the grave of a long lost patriot or pioneer erases all the memories.

In the most out of the way spots we find, "beneath the roots of tangled weeds, afar in country graveyards, lie the ones whose uncrowned deeds have stamped the nation's destiny, beneath the tottering slabs of stone whose tribute moss and mould efface, sleep the calm dust that made us great, the true substratum of our race."

Only recently in a weed patch in Philadelphia was found a stone bearing this inscription, "In memory of Capt. John Gwinn, U. S. Navy. Died in Palermo, Sicily, Sept. 4, 1849, while in command of the U.S. frigate Constitution. He served his country faithfully for forty years." Near him, covered with weeds, was his wife who had died 35 years after her gallant husband. His body was recently buried in Arlington National cemetery with great honors; his wife will rest at his side.

This find seems to spur one on, wondering what brave and sturdy patriots rest in our weed covered graveyards. John W. Lazenby called me Saturday to tell me that a "colonel" was buried in a graveyard on the farm of Jeff Wilson about three miles south of Winchester, on the Glasgow Road. Claude Workman had recently lived on the farm, and had turned over the fallen grave stone and noticed that it was to a "colonel."

We visited farms, hailed men on the road but no one could solve the mystery. After we found the spot, the inscription read.. "Col. John Summers, born June 5, 1794—died Nov. 6, 1869," but no one seemed to know the colonel. We visited Scott county's tablet to all the war dead and found his name was missing.

Curiosity spurred us on, until we found Homer B. Summers, who sent us into Winchester where we found a real son of 1812, Thomas Jefferson Summers, a son of the Colonel. He and his charming wife gave us the following authentic record of the colonel:

"Col John Summers was born in Tennessee, fought in the war of 1812 from LaGrange County, Tenn. For his gallantry in resisting British and Indian attacks, he was made colonel of a regiment when almost a youth. For his service in the war he was given 160 acres in Illinois and came to this state and settled, He reserved one acre of land for burial purposes, but now the gravestones are broken by cattle, for the plot is a pasture. Summers's grave stone is broken in three pieces but retains the crossed staves of Britain and the U. S. to indicate the war of 1812.

"Col Summers was married three times, first to Sarah Jackson of Tennessee, second to Miss Todd, third to Louisa Lankford. By his last wife he had six daughters and four sons. He married his last wife in Scott County in 1843. He also served as a private in the Black Hawk War."

Thomas Jefferson Summers married Miss Artilisa Dyer, a daughter of the pioneer, Dennis Gibson. They will have been married 69 years in December of this year. In their home old Col. Summers died of a fever in 1869 after a few days' illness.

Real sons of 1812 are rare and we hold their links with the past as precious.

On 28 Oct 1813 in Gallatin, Sumner Co, John had joined the 39th Infantry, an act which was becoming a Summers tradition.[106] He gave his birthplace as Guilford Co, North Carolina, and his age as 21. Born 5 Jun 1794,[105] he was actually 19 and may have made himself a little older to increase his chance of moving up in rank faster. It worked; he made colonel.

The article by Sara English is not completely correct. On 2 Jan 1816 in Sumner County, John wedded Margaret, not Sarah, Jackson.[92] Margaret is believed to be John's first cousin, daughter of John's uncle Joseph Jackson. The bondsman was John's presumed brother, Levi.

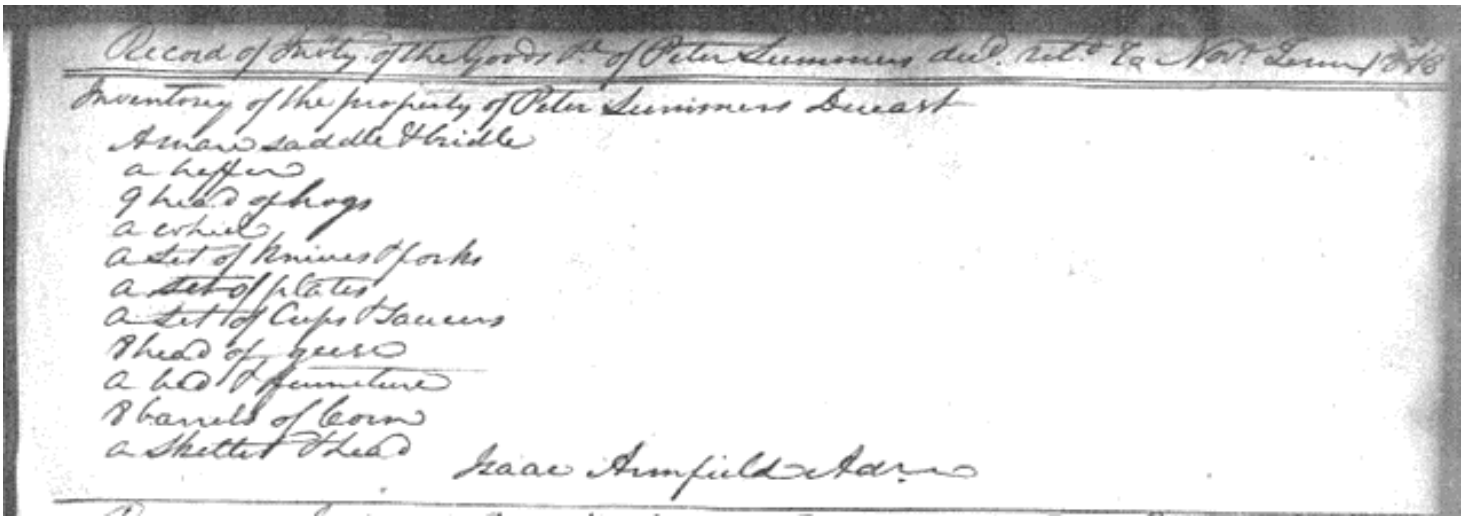
In 1820 John and Margaret were living in Sumner County in a household with thirteen males and six females, the size presumably increased by the presence of in-laws and siblings.[107] Only one person was above age 26, a female aged 45 or above. On 11 May 1829 John received General Land Office certificates for three separate purchases of land totaling 233 acres a few miles southwest of Winchester in part of Morgan County that would become Scott County in 1839.[108] In 1830 the couple were living in Morgan County with two sons and an older couple, likely John's parents.[46] Then on 10 Oct 1833 John received a certificate for 80 acres of land near that bought earlier purchased jointly with his supposed brother-in-law William Jackson.[109] Despite the statement by his son, Thomas Jefferson Summers, there is no evidence of John receiving military bounty land.

John's first wife, Margaret, apparently passed away by 25 May 1840; when John married wife number 2, Martha Todd. in newly formed Scott County.[110] Three and a half years later, on 2 Nov 1843 in Scott Co, he married a third time.[111] Born 25 Mar 1825 in Tennessee, the bride, Eliza (sometimes "Louisa")[101] Matilda Lankford, was over three decades younger.[103,102] Despite having reached middle age when he married Eliza (he was 49), John's third marriage was prolific, ten children, all but the last-born, Lucinda Bell,[112] found with John and Eliza in Scott County censuses for 1850 and/or 1860.[103,104]

John died 6 Nov 1869.[105] Eliza, who was buried as "Louisa M. wife of John Sommers Sr." in the Winchester City Cemetery in Scott Co, died 27 Aug 1877.[102]

Elizabeth ("Betsey") Summers was born in North Carolina around 1791[113,114] and on 20 Mar 1810 married William Jackson, probably her first cousin, in Sumner Co, Tennessee.[115] The bondsman was Thomas Summers, believed to be Elizabeth's brother Thomas Sr. After living for a while in Sumner Co, where they had at least six children,[116] William and Elizabeth moved to Morgan Co, Illinois. There, in 1830, their household included a man and woman, aged between 70 and 79, suspected to be William's father, Joseph, and Joseph's wife.[52] William and Elizabeth Jackson continued to live in Morgan County through the 1840 census,[117] which shows the family with eight children, but by 1850 they were living in the newly formed Scott Co, with only four kids still living at home.[118] Though all their children had moved out by the time of the 1860 Scott County census, the Jacksons had gained seven children with the last name "Frame," children of Martha Patsy Jackson and Samuel Frame.[113] One or both of the Frames had apparently met an untimely end. Born c1817 in Tennessee,[119] Martha, who had married Samuel on 11 Nov 1841 in Scott Co,[120] was probably one of Elizabeth's children born before the family had moved from Sumner County to Morgan County. Following William Jackson's presumed death, Elizabeth moved in with her son Wiley and his wife Rosanna, with whom she was living in 1870 in Oswego Twp, Labette Co, Kansas.[114] And that's the last we see of Elizabeth.

Peter Summers has nothing to justify his inclusion in the list of "claimants" as a child of Joseph except that he was married in Sumner Co, Tennessee, on 28 Jun 1817 to a Sally Armfield.[115] The marriage was incredibly short. During the November term of 1818 an inventory was filed in court for Peter Summers "Deceast" by Isaac Armfield, apparently a relative of Sally.[121] On 28 Jul 1819 in Sumner County the widow "Sally Summers" married Thomas Stewart.[122] There are two things of interest about Peter. First, the record indicating his death has been overlooked by most historians, who have found a 1820 Sumner County census record for a Bozeman (or Bowman) Summers and have decided for some reason that the person must be Peter. Thus, hundreds if not thousands of trees are floating around the internet claiming a nonexistent "Peter Bozeman Summers." Second the inventory of Peter's property, prepared following his death, is remarkably meager. Peter was not well to do.


Record of Sale of the Goods &c of Peter Summers dec'd. Nov. Ct. & Nov. Term 1818

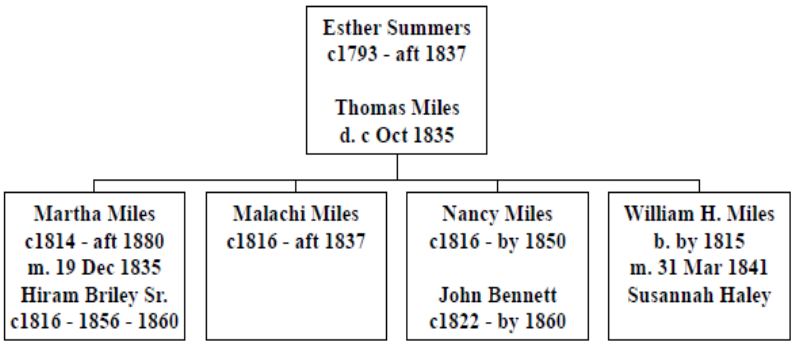
Inventory of the property of Peter Summers Deceast

1 mare saddle & bridle
a heifer
9 head of hogs
a wheel
a set of knives & forks
a set of plates
a set of Cups & Saucers
9 head of geese
a bed & furniture
8 barrels of Corn
a Shelter Shed

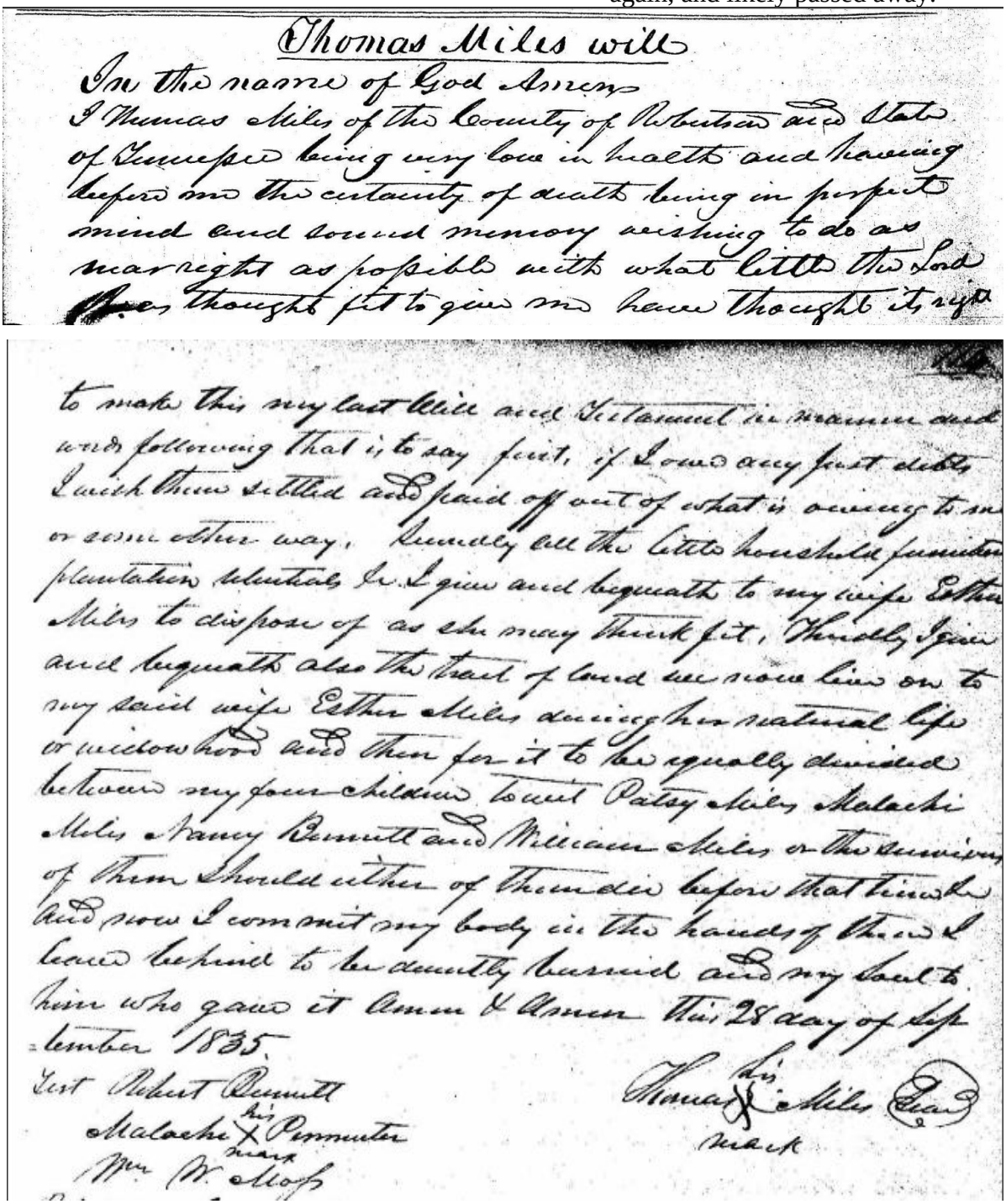
Isaac Armfield Admr

Portion of Peter Summers estate inventory, 1818. (Sumner County Courthouse.)

Esther Summers, a very recent addition to our list, appears in no known tree (at the time this is written, 2025) as a daughter of Joseph and Mary Jackson, but she is a most promising candidate. We know little of Esther, except that on 30 Apr 1813, a bond was signed in Sumner Co, Tennessee, for a marriage between Esther and Thomas Miles.[123] One of the bondsmen was a William Summers, the name of one of Joseph's children. William, son of Joseph, would be a brother of Esther and brothers often provided surety on marriage bonds. The average age for a first marriage by a white woman at the time was around twenty, giving us a predicted birth year of c1793 for Esther. In the 1820 census, Thomas and, presumably, Esther were living in Springfield, Robertson Co, Tennessee, in a household of eleven white people. Only four of the household members, all girls, were sufficiently young that they could be children from Thomas and Esther's marriage. It is possible that some of the others were from an earlier marriage by Thomas, though his will, as we will see, makes this quite unlikely.



On 28 Sep 1835 in Robertson Co, Thomas Miles signed with his mark a will giving as heirs, his wife, Esther, and "my four children to wit Patsy Miles Malachi Miles Nancy Bennett and William Miles."[124] The will was probated in November 1835.[125] Esther appears in the 1836 tax record for Robertson County with 228 acres of land, and in the 1837 record with 55 acres.[126,127] But then she is not seen again, and likely passed away.



Thomas Miles will

In the name of God Amen
I Thomas Miles of the County of Robertson and State of Tennessee being very low in health and knowing before me the certainty of death being in perfect mind and sound memory wishing to do as much right as possible with what little the Lord has thought fit to give me have thought it my

to make this my last Will and Testament in manner and word following that is to say first, if I owed any just debts I wish them settled and paid off out of what is owing to me or some other way. Secondly all the little household furniture plantation utensils &c I give and bequeath to my wife Esther Miles to dispose of as she may think fit. Thirdly I give and bequeath also the tract of land we now live on to my said wife Esther Miles during her natural life or widowhood and then for it to be equally divided between my four children to wit Patsy Miles Malachi Miles Nancy Bennett and William Miles or the survivors of them should either of them die before that time And now I commit my body in the hands of them I leave behind to be decently burried and my soul to him who gave it Amen & Amen This 28 day of September 1835.

Test Robert Bennett
Malachi his X Pennuter mark
Wm W. Moss

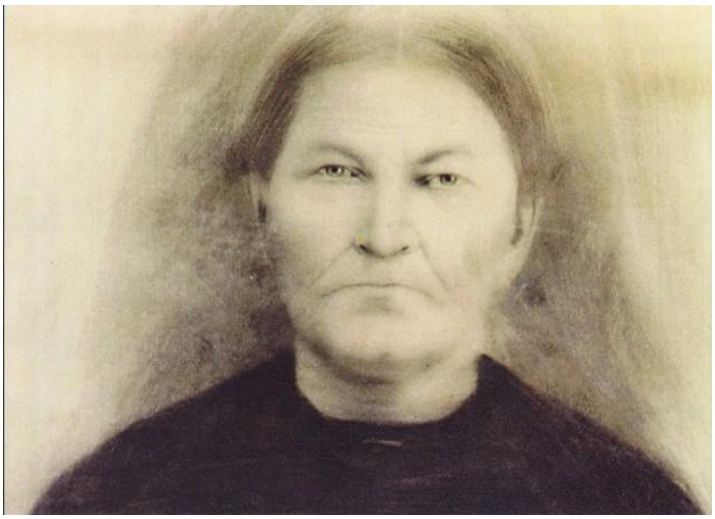
Thomas his X Miles Seal
mark

Thomas Miles, will, Will and Inventory Book 9, pp.. 113-114, Robertson Co, Tennessee (shared by Steven Butler, *Ancestry.com*).

William H. Miles is found in both the 1836 and 1837 Robertson County tax records, which show him with no land, but charged a poll tax.[128,129] Thus, William was born by 1815 since poll taxes were charged only to white males, age 21 or more. In Robertson Co, on 31 Mar 1841, William married Susannah Haley, and is found in no further records.[130]

Malachi, is found paying a poll tax in the 1837 Robertson County tax record, but not in the 1836 tax record, indicating that he turned age 21 in 1836 or 1837 and, thus was born c1816.[131] Malachi is not seen in any records after 1836. It is likely that both Malachi and William died relatively young.

Nancy Miles, who appears as "Nancy Bennett" in her father's will, is seen with her husband, John Bennett in the 1850 census for Sumner Co, Tennessee.[132] The census gives ages corresponding to birth years of c1816 for Nancy and c1822 for John. In 1850 John and Nancy were living in in the same area as Nancy's sister (more on that later). The two girls had moved from Robertson County to Sumner. Particularly interesting is that in 1850 Nancy and John had living with them a single child, Esther Miles, aged 14 (birth year c1836). Obviously named after Esther (Summers) Miles, Esther was almost certainly a daughter of either William or Malachi Miles. The two boys having likely died before 1850, Esther had probably been "farmed out" to her aunt. Since William is known to have married in 1841, after Esther's birth, Malachi is a more likely candidate for being Esther's father. It is also dimly possible that Esther was a posthumous daughter of Thomas and Esther. It all makes little difference since no member of the Nancy and John Bennett's family is found with any certainty after the 1850 census.



Martha "Patsy" Miles Briley (Shared by Chris Briley on *Ancestry.com*.)

Thus, we are left with Patsy as the only child of Esther Summers Miles known to have had descendants. Called "Patsy" by family members, her name was likely "Martha," the name that appears on most documents. On 19 Dec 1835 in Sumner Co, just a couple of months after her father's death, "Patsy Miles" married Hiram Briley. Hiram's sister Mary Sarah was already married to Noah Summers, Martha's presumed first cousin (p. 27). And his sister Kiziah Ann would one day marry Commodore Summers, believed to be a son of Isaiah Josiah (p. 19) and thus also be a first cousin. Moreover Hiram's brother Samuel had married Nancy Summers another presumed first cousin of Martha (p. 32) and on 5 Oct 1840 brother John would marry Rebecca Summers, whose origins are uncertain.[115] (Caution! There are several Rebecca Summerses.) And it doesn't stop there, but let's not run it in the ground. These connections increase the probability that Esther Summers, Martha's mother, was a member of the Delaware Summers clan. And, as we will see, there is additional and stronger evidence.

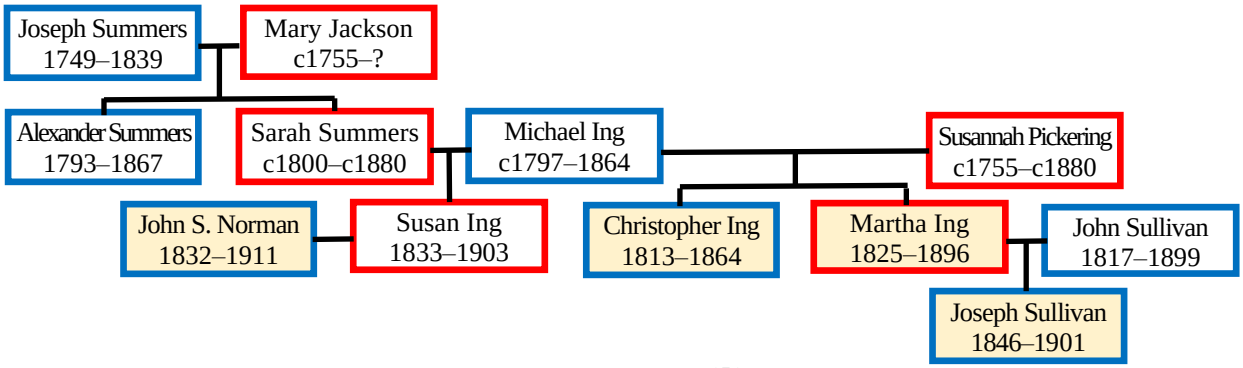
Hiram, with an age corresponding to a birth year c1816, and Martha appear in the 1850 census for Sumner County with six children.[133] But Martha is found without Hiram, but with additional children, in 1860 and 1870 Sumner County censuses.[134,135] Hiram had apparently died, sometime between 1856, the approximate birth year of his eldest child, Mary A. C. Briley,[135] and 1860, when Martha appears without Hiram. Martha is last seen in the 1880 Sumner County census.[136]

According to the Sumner County censuses, Hiram and Martha (Miles) Briley had 10 children: Piety, Elisha, John Wesley, Thomas, Andrew Jackson, Susan, Hiram Jr., Nancy, Samuel T., and Mary A. C. And of great importance is that Mary Frances (Summers) Tapscott, a well documented descendant of Joseph Summers, shows DNA matches to at least three of Hiram and Martha's descendants (two descendants of Samuel T. Briley and one, of Mary A. C. Briley). This does not prove that Esther Summers was a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Jackson) Summers since it is not unlikely that most people in Sumner Co, Tennessee, at the time with the name "Summers" were related. But it certainly provides strong evidence of the relationship.

Alexander Summers Sr. was born in Orange Co, North Carolina, 18 Jul 1793,[137] and like four of his presumed brothers and a brother-in-law, joined the 39th Infantry to fight in the war of 1812.[138] After enlisting in Sumner County on 22 Sep 1813, Alex served as a private in Captain Long's Company in the war with the Creek Indians and was discharged 28 Sep 1814 at Fort Montgomery.[139] On 17 Jul 1815, in Sumner Co, Tennessee, Alexander married Clarissa H. (also, "Clarisa C.")[140] Lilly.[141] After living for a short time in Sumner County,[142] the couple moved to Franklin Co, Illinois, where they lived out their lives.[143,144,145] And there they raised scads of kids, thirteen of whom were still living in 1878.[146] Alexander died 1 Jan 1867 according to his grave marker or 31 Dec 1866 according to his widow.[137,147]

On 14 Feb 1871 Congress passed an act granting pensions to widows of men who had served in the War of 1812 as long as they were married prior to 17 Feb 1815, when the treaty of peace had been ratified. On 21 Aug 1874 Clarissa filed for a widow's pension, which was rejected just three days later because she was married after 17 Feb 1815.[146] But then Congress passed the act of 9 Mar 1878, which provided pensions to all widows of men who had served at least 14 days during the War of 1812 regardless of the marriage date. On 8 Nov 1878, Clarissa was awarded a pension of $8/month.

The records for Clarissa's applications under the two acts show depositions by a number of relatives, particularly those from the family of Alexander's sister Sarah (Summers) Ing: Martha (Ing) Sullivan and Christopher Ing, children of Alexander's brother-in-law, Michael Ing, from Michael's first marriage;[148] Martha's son Joseph Sullivan;[149] and John S. Norman, husband of Susan Ing, daughter of Michael and Sarah.[150] Confused? So am I. Perhaps this will help.



Alexander's nephew James, son of Thomas Summers,[151] also made depositions, as did Clarissa's son, Ambrose, stating that his mother had died at his house on 5 Sep 1885.[140] Clarissa and Alexander are buried in Summers Cemetery No. 1, an overgrown cemetery with only a few remaining stones located in Eastern Twp, Franklin Co, a couple of miles west of Akin.[137,140]

Summers Cemetery No. 1, Franklin Co, Illinois. (By Jeff Cowsert, *Find A Grave*.)

Isaiah Josiah Summers might really be just Isaiah Summers. We see the name "Josiah" clearly in only one record, the 1860 census for Sumner Co, where it might be due to error by the census enumerator.[152] On the other hand, Isaiah did have a son named "Josiah," so perhaps the father also had that name.[153] Like many of his relatives, Isaiah enlisted in the 39th U.S. Infantry in Gallatin, Sumner. He signed up on 2 Oct 1813, giving his age as 18 (birth year c1795) and his birthplace as Orange Co, North Carolina.[154] He next appears in the 1840 census for

Sumner Co, where his household has two adults and seven children, the youngest under five and the oldest 15 through 19.[155] Based on the age of the oldest child, Isaiah was probably married between 1820 and 1825. He next appears with his wife, Catharine, in the 1850, 1860, and 1870 federal censuses for Distr 18, Sumner Co, where he was a farmer[153,152,156] According to the 1840 and 1860 censuses, Isaiah and Catharine were illiterate. The couple, who, according to census data, had at least eight children, are not seen after 1870.[156]

Sarah Summers was born in Tennessee c1800, after the arrival of Joseph and Mary.[157] On 29 Jan 1827 she married Matthew Layton[158] Ing. in Sumner County.[159] Sarah's presumed first cousin William Jackson was the bondsman. This was Matthew's second marriage. On 12 Dec 1812, in Sumner Co, he had made bond to marry Susannah Pickering.[160] In 1840, Sarah and Matthew were living in Franklin Co, Illinois, with five children,[161] One of the three boys was Matthew Ing Jr., who would one day marry Sarah's niece Nancy Briley. Sarah and Matthew apparently lived out their lives in Franklin County. They were there in 1850 and 1860.[157,162] Matthew Sr. died 29 Jul 1864 and is buried in Brush Prairie Cemetery in Franklin County.[163,158] His grave is marked with a new and, thus, possibly unreliable metal plaque. In fact census records and Matthew's War of 1812 Pension file, give ages indicating a birth year c1797.[164] Sarah died between 29 Jul 1878, when she applied for Widow's pension based on Matthew's war service and 25 Jan 1881, when the postmaster informed the U.S. Pension Office that "She has been dead some time."[164] Sarah is probably buried with her husband in Brush Prairie Cemetery, but no grave is found.

Matthew Sr's plaque. (Susan Ing, *Find A Grave*.)

Rebecca Summers was born in Tennessee with a widely variable birthdate, between 1794 and 1805 based on ages recorded in censuses.[165,166,167] Thus, Rebecca was born after Joseph and Mary Summers had arrived in Sumner County. On 29 Jun 1816 in Sumner Co, Rebecca married Noah Harper.[115] Noah apparently died, for nine years later, on 1 Oct 1825, also in Sumner Co, Rebecca Harper married Elisha Briley.[115] Thomas Summers, presumed to be Rebecca's brother, was the bondsman. That marriage was also short for we next find Rebecca in 1850 living with a John Williams and four offspring (apparently hers) in Caroline Twp, Prairie Co, Arkansas.[165] If the offspring were Nancy's, the ages indicate a marriage between Nancy and John around 1832 or earlier. But how do we know that Rebecca Williams was formerly Rebecca Summers of Sumner Co, Tennessee? In 1860, following John's presumed demise, we find "Rebecca Williams" and one of those four offspring (Benjamin) living in Franklin Co, Illinois, with Rebecca's daughter from her second marriage, Nancy and her husband, Matthew Ing Jr.[166] Nancy Briley had married Matthew on 14 Jul 1847 in Franklin Co, possibly while her mother was back in Arkansas with John.[168] Nancy Briley and Matthew Ing were probably first cousins since, as we will soon see, Sarah Summers, concluded to be Nancy's sister, was Mathew's mother. The Summers loved cousin marriages. The 1860 census shows Rebecca's occupation as "Domestic Mother." Actually, she was also Nancy's real mother. The census also states that Rebecca was disabled and "blind in formation," whatever that may mean.

In 1870 we find Rebecca Williams still living in Franklin County with her daughter, but her daughter has taken on the name "Summers" as have her children (possibly due to an error by the census enumerator).[167] Matthew Ing Jr. is not present. Rebecca is not seen again in any record.

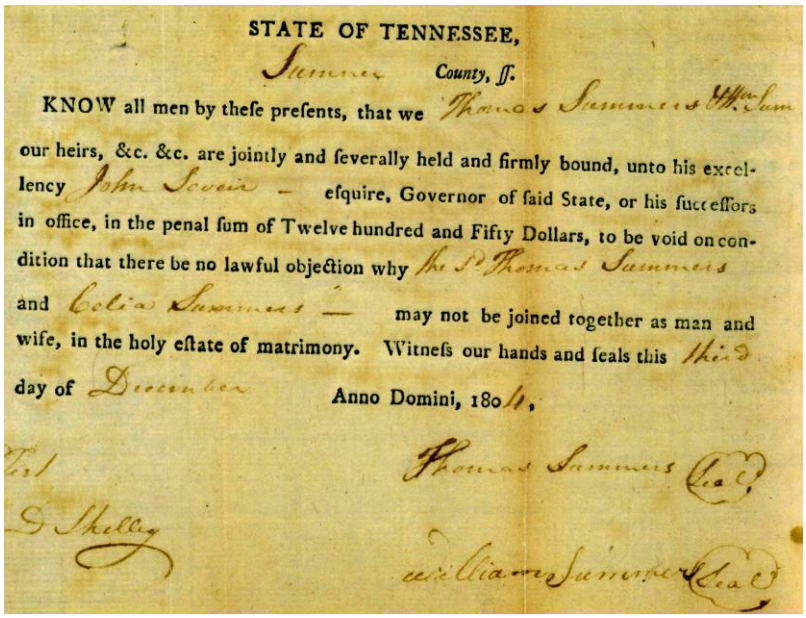
Nancy Summers was named as a daughter of Joseph when he conveyed some possessions to her on 7 Aug 1826.[80] The following year, on 27 Mar 1827, Nancy married John Carney in Sumner County.[169] We do not see Nancy again. At least two different John Carneys appear in early Sumner County records.

Mary Frances (Summers) Tapscott, GGG granddaughter of Thomas Summers Sr, and wife of your author, shows autosomal DNA matches with 332 people claimed to be descendants of Joseph and Mary through twelve of the fourteen likely candidates listed above.[170] Only Peter and Nancy, who may have left no descendants, are missing from the list of matches Admittedly these results are based on family trees that may be unreliable and they involve distant relatives (mostly 5th cousins once removed). Nevertheless, DNA results combined with birthplace, residential data, and connections indicate that most, if not all, of those proposed here were indeed children of Joseph and Mary (Jackson) Summers of Guilford Co, North Carolina.

Thomas Summers Sr. (of Illinois)

As we might expect from the previous chapter, not a single reliable record shows that Thomas's parents were Joseph and Mary (Jackson) Summers. It's not that no family trees show this parentage. Well over 1600 trees at *Ancestry.com* show Thomas to be a son of Joseph and Mary (Jackson) Summers. But not a single reliable source is provided.

Nevertheless, there are reasons to conclude this parentage. First, federal census records show that Thomas Sr. was born in North Carolina, probably between 1779 and 1786.[171,172] During that time Joseph and Mary Summers were living in Guilford Co, North Carolina. Second, Thomas was married on 3 Dec 1804 in Sumner Co, Tennessee (more on that later).[173] And he was living in Sumner County at the time of the 1820 census.[174] Joseph and Mary Summers were living in Sumner County at those times. Third, a cosigner of Thomas's marriage bond was William Summers,[175] a son of Joseph. It is likely that William and Thomas were brothers. And finally DNA data cited previously are consistent with Thomas's concluded parentage.



STATE OF TENNESSEE,

Sumner County, ſſ.

KNOW all men by theſe preſents, that we Thomas Summers & Wm. Sum our heirs, &c. &c. are jointly and ſeverally held and firmly bound, unto his excellency John Sevier — eſquire, Governor of ſaid State, or his ſucceſſors in office, in the penal ſum of Twelve hundred and Fifty Dollars, to be void on condition that there be no lawful objection why the Sd Thomas Summers and Celia Summers — may not be joined together as man and wife, in the holy eſtate of matrimony. Witneſs our hands and ſeals this third day of December Anno Domini, 1804,

Thomas Summers (Seal)

William Summers (Seal)

Sumner Co, Tennessee marriage bond for Thomas Summers signed by Thomas and his presumed brother, William, both unexpectedly literate.

Thomas Summers was born in North Carolina between 1779 and 1786.[171,172] A number of trees give a birthplace and year of Guilford Co, 1786, but no reliable source is provided. On 3 Dec 1804, in Sumner Co, Tennessee, Thomas and his presumed brother William signed a marriage bond.[175] Thomas's bride, to whom he was married the same day,[173] was Celia Summers. Celia was Priscilla Summers, who had been born in North Carolina around 1779 or 1780.[171,176] Priscilla's parentage is unknown; however, considering her name, birthplace, and residence in Sumner Co, she was probably a relative of Thomas, possibly a cousin.

Following his marriage, during the War of 1812, Thomas joined the 2nd Regiment of the West Tennessee Militias, serving in the Companies of both Capt. Richard Crunck and Capt. Francis Ellis.[177,178,179] The 2nd Regiment was one of three West Tennessee militia units at New Orleans under the command of Major General William Carroll. They were part of a flotilla that traveled to New Orleans using the Cumberland, Ohio, and Mississippi Rivers. At the Battle of New Orleans on 8 Jan 1815, Carroll's troops fought near the center of Jackson's line. Muster rolls of the regiment show no battle casualties, but do reveal many deaths due to sickness—a common occurrence for troops stationed at New Orleans during the months of February and March 1815. Thomas was discharged in April 1815 in Nashville, Tennessee.[179]

Thomas and, presumably, Celia are found in the 1820 census for Sumner Co, Tennessee, with four male children under 10 and four male children aged 10 through 15.[174] By 1830 the family had moved to Franklin Co, Illinois, where the household had one male under age 5, three males aged 5 through 10, two males aged 10 to 15, two males aged 15 to 20, and three males aged 20 to 30. The only female, other than the person believed to be Celia, is aged 15 to 20.[180] In 1830 two presumed brothers of Thomas, Levi and Alexander, were also living in Franklin County.[96,143]

In 1830 Franklin County was still on the frontier. Permanent European residents had first arrived around 1812. Established 2 Jan 1818 from parts of Gallatin and White Counties, Franklin County was originally twice its present size. In 1839, following Thomas's arrival, it was divided in half to form the new county of Williamson to the south. Southern Illinois, called "Little Egypt," a nickname of uncertain origin, was once reputed to host a redneck, backwoods culture. The stereotypic resident was said to be a "lazy, ignorant, anti-intellectual drunkard who loved a good fight and held the law in slight regard."[181]

At the corner of Bolen Store Road and Green Mountain Road in Eastern Twp, Franklin County stands Mount Etna Methodist Church. Alongside the church is a stone tablet stating that the church was organized in 1822 by Rev. John Launis [sic] and wife, Edward Sullivan and wife, and Thomas Summers and wife. It is claimed that "The meetings at first were held in brush harbors and in the people's homes, the home of Thomas Summers being used most. This home was located a little more than a quarter of a mile east of the present site of the church."[182] From the engraved stone and the church history, it appears that the Thomas Summers family had arrived in Franklin County around 1822. It is claimed that the Summers family had arrived with Rev. Launius in 1817, but this almost certainly not true.[183]

Franklin County is located in the "Little Egypt" area of southern Illinois. (*Wikipedia*.)

Mount Etna Church, Franklin Co, Illinois (2007).

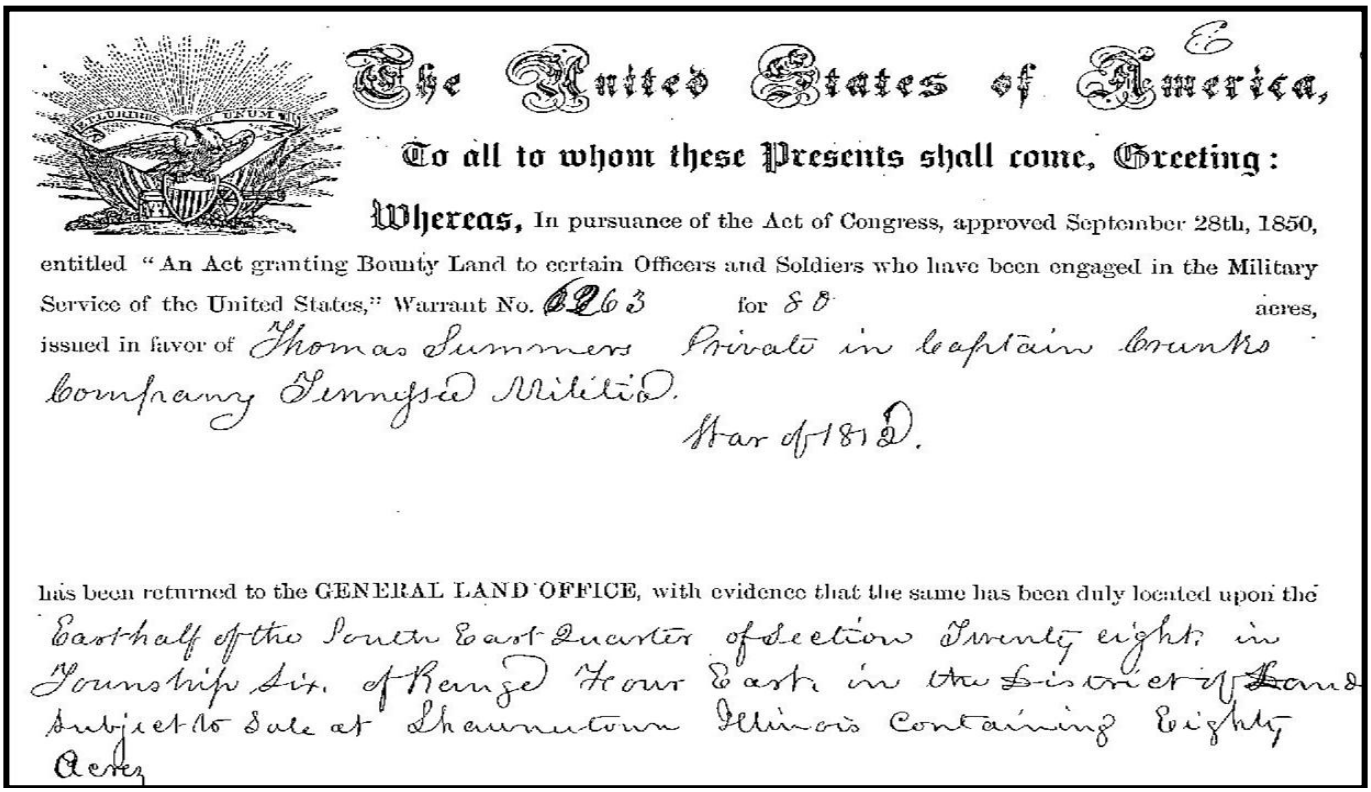
MOUNT ETNA CHURCH
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH IN FRANKLIN CO
ORGANIZED 1822 BY
REV JOHN LAUNIS AND WIFE
EDWARD SULLIVAN AND WIFE
THOMAS SUMMERS AND WIFE
THIS MEMORIAL DEDICATED JULY 28 1918

Monument. (*Find-A-Grave*.).

The church founders had close ties. In Franklin County at least eleven of Reverend Launius's descendants wedded a Summers, every one a relative of Thomas's. And three of Edward Sullivan's daughters married two of Thomas's sons. (One son, Braxton Parrish Summers, was married twice, to Sullivan sisters.)[184,185]

The Thomas Summers family is found in the 1840 and 1850 Franklin County censuses, the latter showing Priscilla as "Pricilla Somers."[186,171] Living with them in 1850 was 12-year-old Sarah M. Redburn, possibly a granddaughter. Nearby were households with Tennessee-born "Somers," probably some of Thomas's eleven or more sons[180]—James,[187] Robert,[188] John,[189] Harper,[190] Elias,[191] Joseph,[192] Alexander,[193] Thomas Jr.,[194,195] Peter.[196] Admittedly questionable research, using undocumented evidence,[197] indicates that the large family actually had but one daughter, Nancy, who married Samuel Briley on 29 Dec 1835 in Sumner Co, Tennessee.[198] Census data indicates that may indeed have been the case.[180]

In 1860 Thomas and "Prissilla" were living in Eastern Twp, Franklin Co, where Thomas continued to farm.[172] The couple was probably living on land Thomas had received in 1853 for military service.[199] Bounty Land Warrant 6263 awarded Thomas 80 acres in section 28 of what corresponded to Eastern Twp, E½ SE¼ S28 T6S R4E.



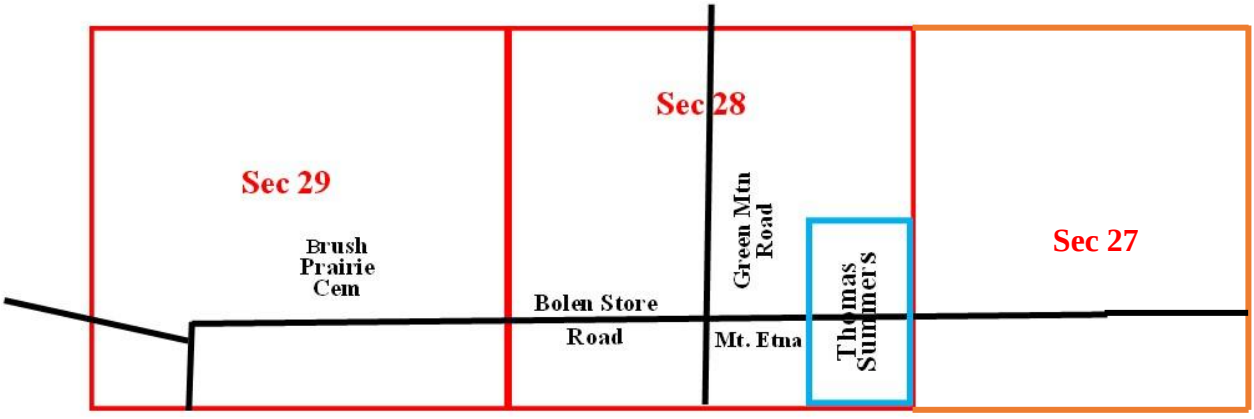
The United States of America,

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

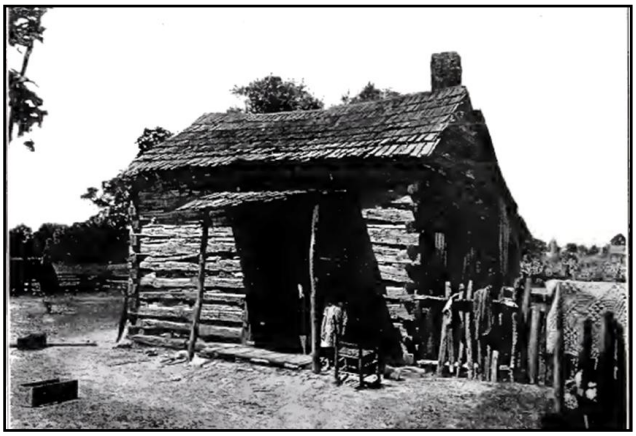
Whereas, In pursuance of the Act of Congress, approved September 28th, 1850, entitled "An Act granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States," Warrant No. 6263 for 80 acres, issued in favor of Thomas Summers Private in Captain Brunks Company Tennessee Militia War of 1812.

has been returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE, with evidence that the same has been duly located upon the East half of the South East Quarter of Section Twenty eight in Township Six of Range Four East in the District of Lands subject to Sale at Shawneetown Illinois Containing Eighty Acres

Thomas Summers's Bounty Land Warrant.



Thomas Summers's Bounty Land was just a quarter mile east of Mt. Etna Church.

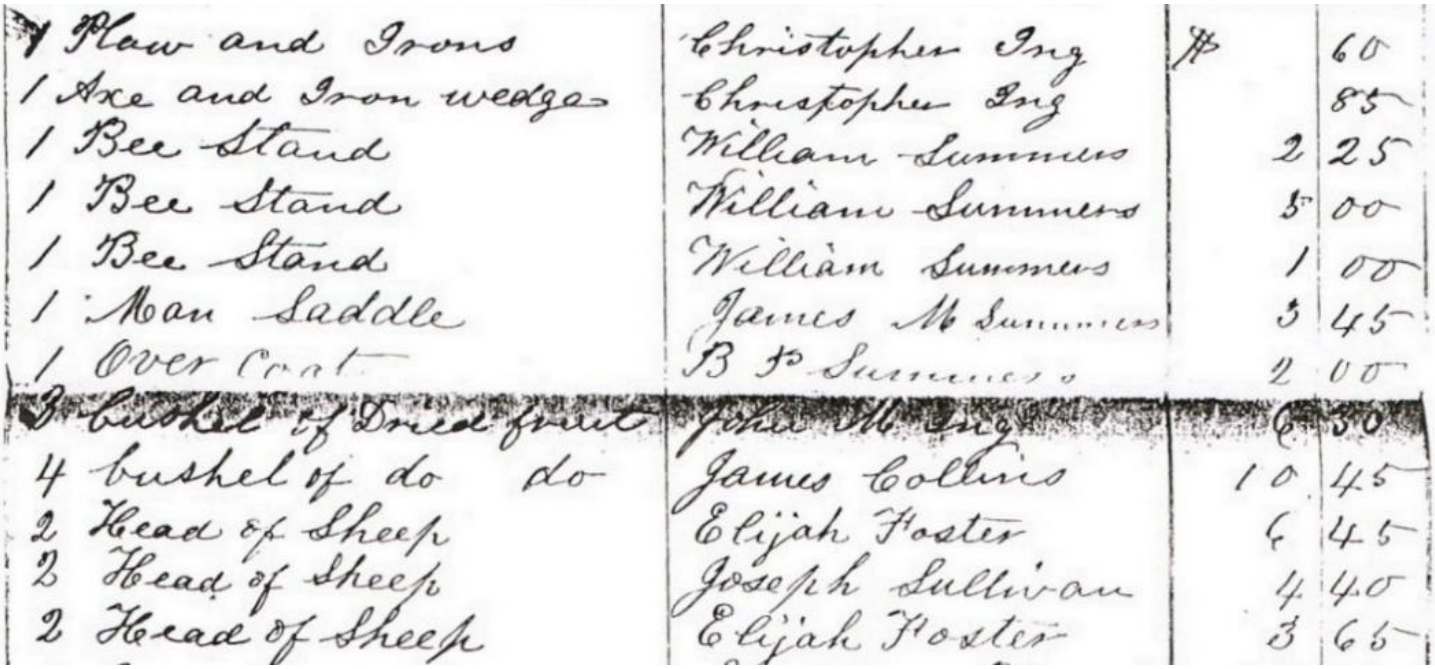


Typical home of early Franklin Co settlers (H. M. Aiken, *Franklin County History,* 1918.)

When Thomas Summers Sr arrived around 1822, he was probably the first person with the name "Summers" to live in Franklin County. The 1820 Franklin County census shows not a single person with that name. By 1870, 168 people with the name "Summers," resided in Franklin Co, 132 of them in Eastern Twp. Most, possibly all, were related to Thomas, mainly descendants, but also siblings, cousins, nieces, nephews, and Summers spouses.

Thomas died 5 Oct 1864 in Franklin County.[151] The Affidavit of Decease names his wife, Priscilla, and designates his son James as administrator.

A sale of Thomas's personal estate on 28 Nov 1864 brought $268.77, with purchases by his sons William (three bee stands), James (a saddle), and Braxton (an overcoat).



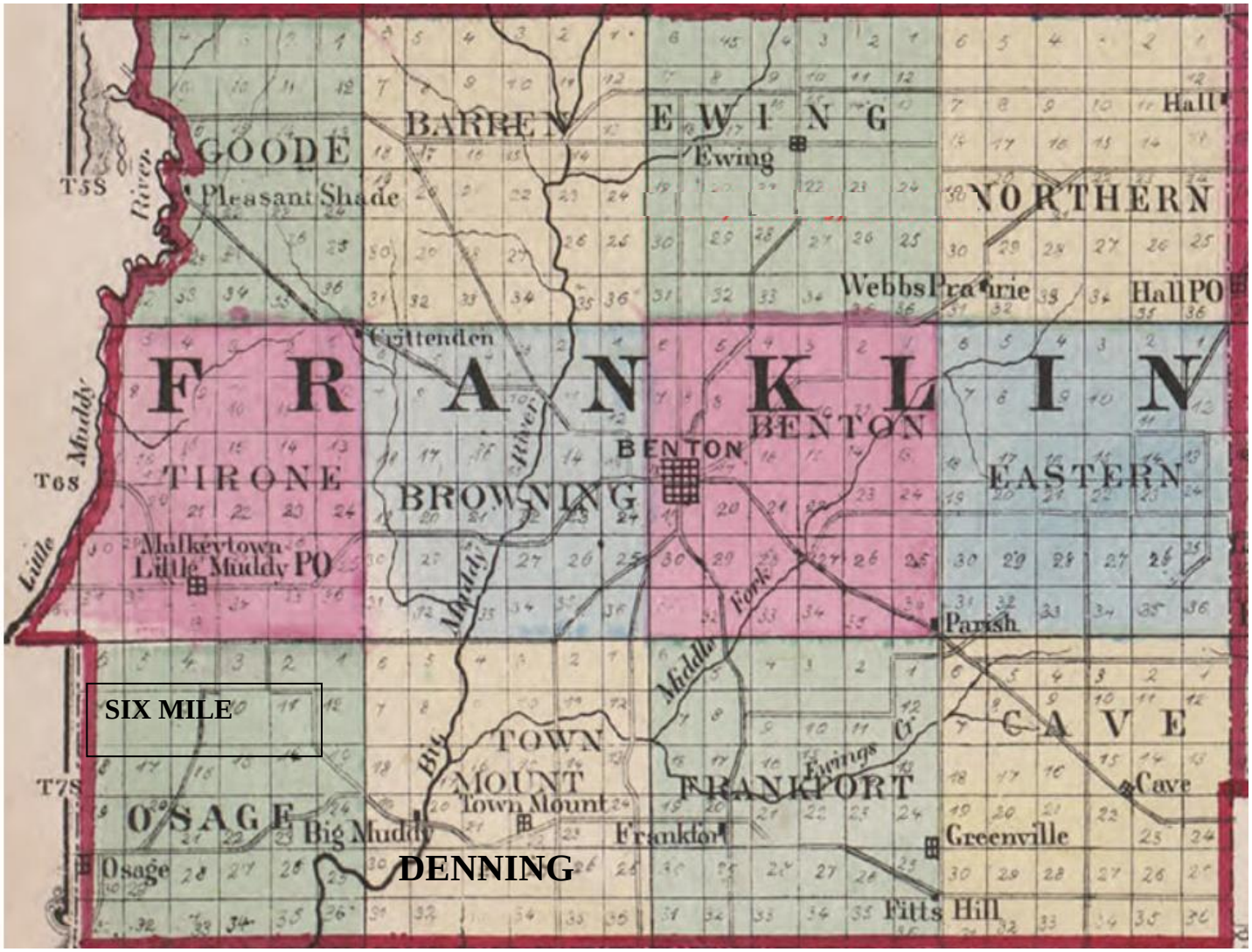
1 Plow and Irons	Christopher Ing	#	60
1 Axe and Iron wedge	Christopher Ing		85
1 Bee Stand	William Summers	2	25
1 Bee Stand	William Summers	5	00
1 Bee Stand	William Summers	1	00
1 Man Saddle	James M Summers	3	45
1 Over Coat	B F Summers	2	00
3 bushel of Dried fruit	John M Ing	C	30
4 bushel of do do	James Collins	10	45
2 Head of Sheep	Elijah Foster	6	45
2 Head of Sheep	Joseph Sullivan	4	40
2 Head of Sheep	Elijah Foster	3	66

Part of bill of sale for Thomas Summers estate, 29 Nov 1864, Franklin Co, Illinois. (Patricia Terwilliger contribution.)

By 1870 90-year-old "Celia" Summers was living by herself in "Township 6S, Range 4 East" (Eastern Twp), surrounded by Summerses, many of them probably grandchildren.[200] She is seen in no later contemporary records.

It is claimed that Priscilla was laid to rest in Mt. Etna Church Cemetery, but no marker or reliable record is found. Thomas is reported to have been buried without a marker in Brush Prairie Cemetery located near Mt. Etna Church at NW¼ SE¼ S29 T6S R4E, though again no reliable evidence is provided.[201] Brush Prairie Cemetery is now mostly ruins, with few markers remaining.

Little remains of Brush Prairie Cemetery (2019).

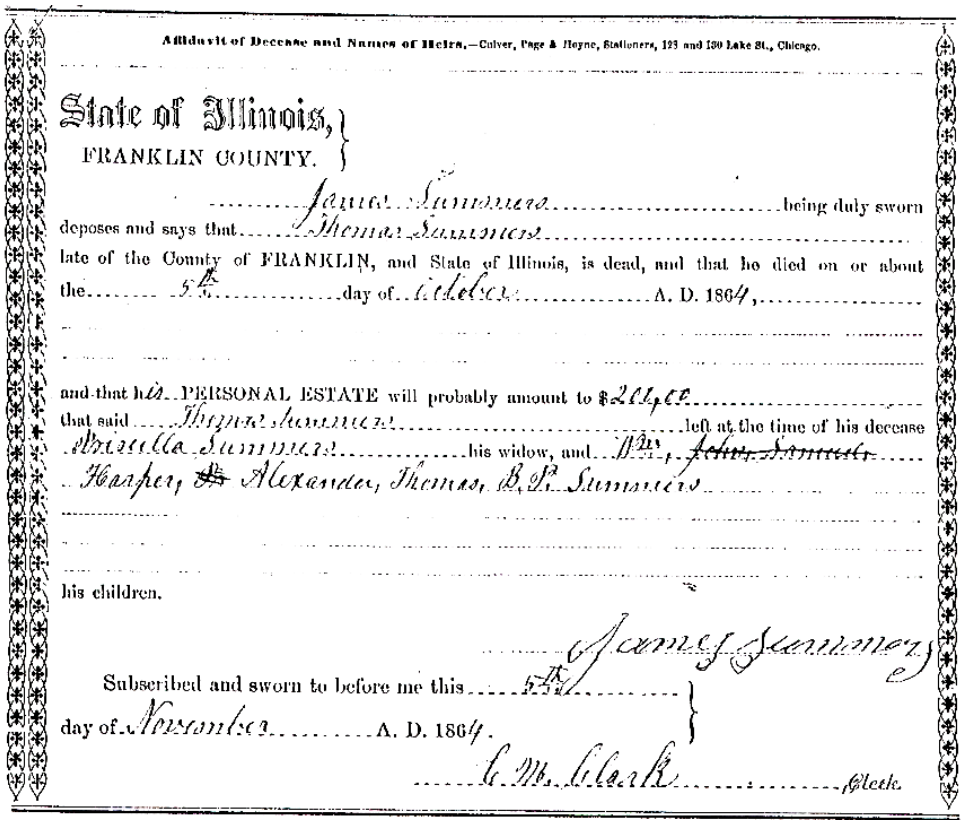


Franklin Co, 1870, with its twelve civil townships–Goode, Barren, Ewing, Northern, Tyrone, Browning, Benton, Eastern, Six Mile, Denning, Frankfort, Cave. Labels have been added by your author for Six Mile and Denning. (*Atlas of Illinois*, Warner and Beers, 1870). Most of the Summers families lived in Eastern Twp. Some lived in Cave and Northern townships. And some eventually migrated to Denning and Frankfort.

Thomas's Children

As many as twenty-nine children have been claimed for Thomas and Priscilla Summers, of Franklin Co, Illinois, in some of the numerous trees appearing on the internet (almost 1700 trees total on *Ancestry.com* alone). The problem is that not a single reliable record is provided for any of the named offspring, only other trees. Based on birthplace, birth year, association with other people, and residence, we come up with thirteen reasonable candidates. All of these are commonly designated by others as Thomas's children. And descendants of all of these show autosomal DNA matches to a 3G granddaughter of Thomas and Priscilla and the instigator of this book, Mary Frances (Summers) Tapscott.[170] Of course, since most or all of the 19th-century Franklin County Summerses were related, autosomal DNA provides rather poor evidence.

Reliable records (i.e., records other than trees) showing the names of children of Thomas and Priscilla are unknown except for a single item that has been ignored or overlooked—the Affidavit of Decease form in Thomas's Franklin County probate file.[151] That record names only William, Harper, Alexander, Thomas, and B. P. (Braxton Parrish) as his children. James appears only as the signatory of the document. John's name is struck



Affidavit of Decease and Names of Heirs.—Culver, Page & Hoyne, Stationers, 123 and 130 Lake St., Chicago.

State of Illinois,
FRANKLIN COUNTY.

James Summers being duly sworn deposes and says that Thomas Summers late of the County of FRANKLIN, and State of Illinois, is dead, and that he died on or about the 5th day of October A. D. 1864,

and that his PERSONAL ESTATE will probably amount to $200.00 that said Thomas Summers left at the time of his decease Priscilla Summers his widow, and ~~John Summers~~ Harper, ~~&~~ Alexander, Thomas, B. P. Summers

his children.

James J Summers

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of November A. D. 1864.

C. M. Clark Clerk

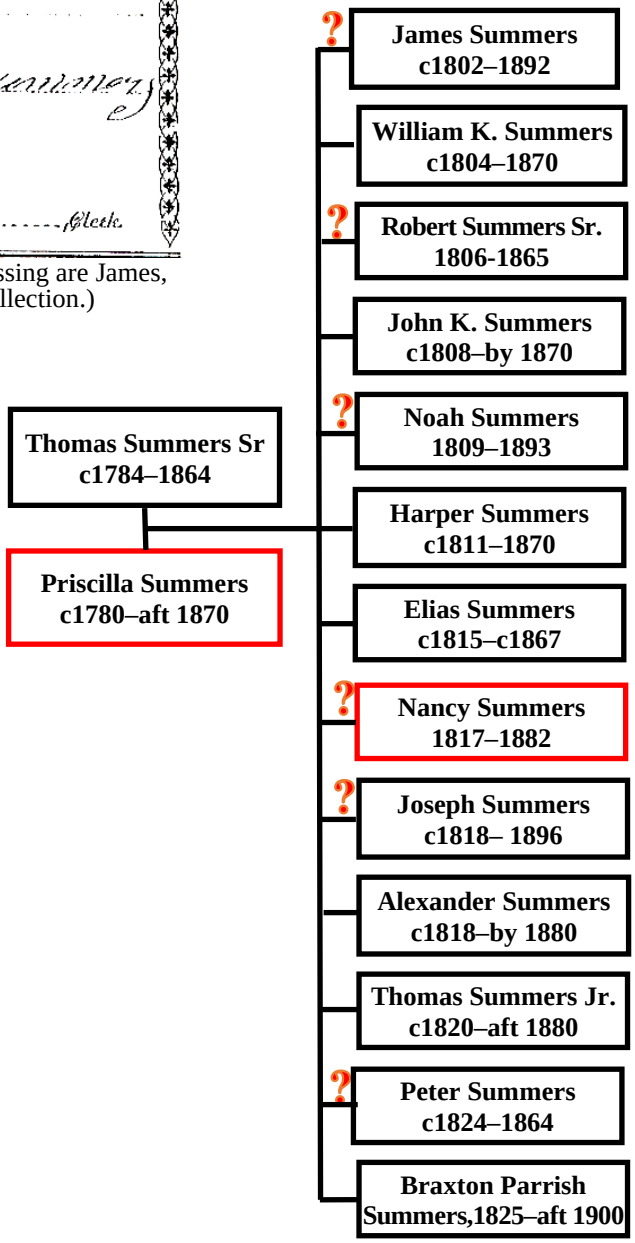
Affidavit of Decease with names of children for Thomas Summers. Missing are James, Robert, Noah, Nancy, Joseph, and Peter. (Patricia Terwilliger collection.)

family tree creators believe otherwise. And the 1830 census indicates that Thomas had many more children (possibly twelve) than just the six (including crossed-out John) listed in the Affidavit of Death. [180] But all may not have been his. He could have taken in children from deceased relatives. And, of course, many children may have died before the Affidavit was written.

Among the missing five, Joseph is the only one who served in the Civil War (despite erroneous claims made for others based on name only) and he has a National Archives pension file that has been obtained in hopes that it would reveal his origins.[202] It doesn't. It does provide his date of death (28 Jan 1896 near Greenbrier, Arkansas), some highly variable dates of birth (c1818, calculated from ages in various documents), and details on his military service and married life, but it provides nothing about who his parents may have been.

We are stuck. Is the Affidavit of Death correct, and if so who were the parents of Robert, Noah, Nancy, Joseph, and Peter Summers? We even have doubts about James. And our doubts increase when we find that a pension application affidavit by James Summers states that Noah Summers, who fought in the Black Hawk War, was his brother.[203] If Noah

out, as might be expected since he was likely deceased by the date of Thomas's death. And there appears to have been a "Samuel," who's name is also struck out but about whom nothing is known. Missing from the list of children are James, Robert, Noah, Nancy, Joseph, and Peter, all good candidates for being Thomas's children, candidates who were still living at the time of his death. Are these six people not Thomas's children? A huge number of


Thomas Summers Sr c1784–1864
Priscilla Summers c1780–aft 1870
? James Summers c1802–1892
William K. Summers c1804–1870
? Robert Summers Sr. 1806-1865
John K. Summers c1808–by 1870
? Noah Summers 1809–1893
Harper Summers c1811–1870
Elias Summers c1815–c1867
? Nancy Summers 1817–1882
? Joseph Summers c1818– 1896
Alexander Summers c1818–by 1880
Thomas Summers Jr. c1820–aft 1880
? Peter Summers c1824–1864
Braxton Parrish Summers,1825–aft 1900

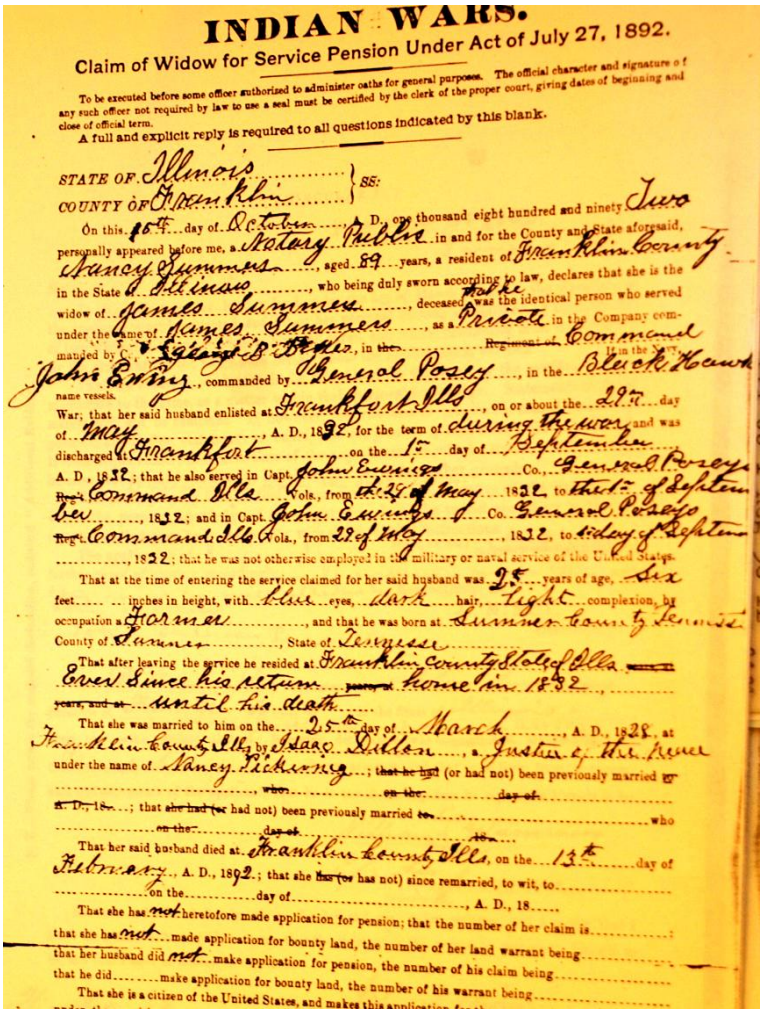
was not a son of Thomas, neither was James. But, on the other hand, why would someone other than a son, of which Thomas had many, be a signatory?

Nevertheless, I am going to include the six candidates whose names are missing from the list of children shown in the Affidavit of Death in the following narrative, with acknowledgement of serious doubts about their parentage.

James Summers, often given the middle name "Mandrix" probably because he had a son with the name "James Mandrix,' was born c1802 in Sumner Co, Tennessee.[204,205] Following his move to Franklin Co, Illinois, presumably with his parents, he married Nancy Pickering on 25 Mar 1828 and the couple began married life in Franklin County.[206,207] On 16 Jun 1832 he and his brother Noah joined Capt. George P. Bowyer's County to fight in the Black Hawk War.[208] James was discharged 15 Dec 1832.[208]

The oldest of Joseph's children, James was appointed administrator of his deceased father's estate in 1864.[209] James spent his entire married life in Franklin Co,[210,187,211,205,212] dying on 13 Feb 1892.[206] He was buried in Plasters Grove Cemetery, Thompsonville, Franklin Co, Illinois.[213] Nancy passed away exactly three years later, on 13 Feb 1895.[214] She was likely laid to rest with her husband in Plasters Grove Cemetery, though no marker is found.

The couple had eleven known children[187,211]—Cassander, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Mary[215] Jane, Sarah, Scott, Eliza, Huston, Narcissa Malinda,[216] James Mandrix,[217] and Wilson.



INDIAN WARS.

Claim of Widow for Service Pension Under Act of July 27, 1892.

To be executed before some officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. The official character and signature of any such officer not required by law to use a seal must be certified by the clerk of the proper court, giving dates of beginning and close of official term.

A full and explicit reply is required to all questions indicated by this blank.

STATE OF Illinois } ss:
COUNTY OF Franklin }

On this 16th day of October, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety Two personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Nancy Summers, aged 89 years, a resident of Franklin County in the State of Illinois, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of James Summers, deceased, and that she was the identical person who served under the name of James Summers, as a Private in the Company commanded by Capt. George P. Bowyer, in the Regiment of Illinois Militia in the War with name vessels. John Ewing, commanded by General Posey, in the Black Hawk War; that her said husband enlisted at Frankfort Ills, on or about the 29th day of May, A. D., 1832, for the term of during the war and was discharged at Frankfort on the 1st day of September A. D., 1832; that he also served in Capt. John Ewings Co., Genl Posey's Regt. Command Ills Vols., from the 29th of May 1832 to the 1st of September, 1832; and in Capt. John Ewings Co. General Posey's Regt. Command Ills Vols., from 29th of May 1832, to 1st day of September, 1832; that he was not otherwise employed in the military or naval service of the United States.

That at the time of entering the service claimed for her said husband was 25 years of age, Six feet ... inches in height, with Blue eyes, Dark hair, Light complexion, by occupation a Farmer, and that he was born at Sumner County Tennessee County of Sumner, State of Tennessee.

That after leaving the service he resided at Franklin County State of Ills Ever Since his return home in 1832 years, and at until his death.

That she was married to him on the 25th day of March, A. D., 1828, at Franklin County Ills by Isaac Dillon a Justice of the Peace under the name of Nancy Pickering; that he had (or had not) been previously married to who, on the day of A. D., 18..; that she had (or had not) been previously married to who on the day of

That her said husband died at Franklin County Ills, on the 13th day of February, A. D., 1892; that she has (or has not) since remarried, to wit, to on the day of, A. D., 18..

That she has not heretofore made application for pension; that the number of her claim is that she has not made application for bounty land, the number of her land warrant being that her husband did not make application for pension, the number of his claim being that he did make application for bounty land, the number of his warrant being

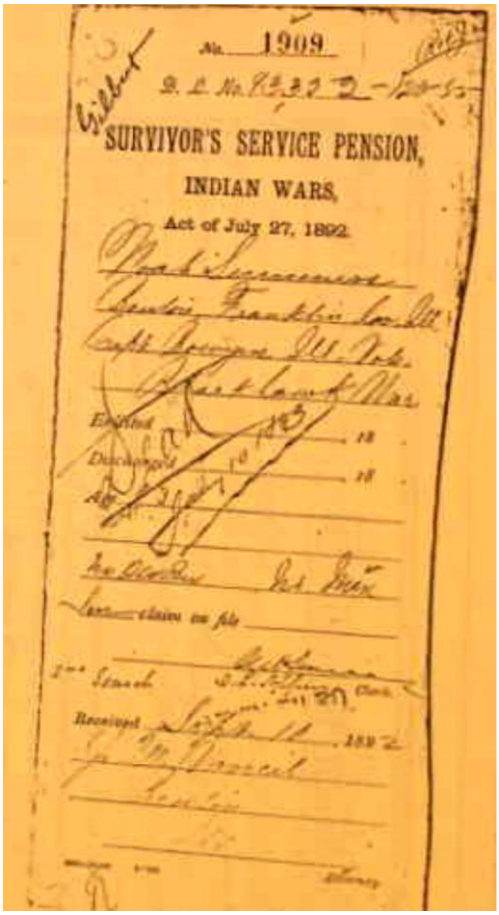
That she is a citizen of the United States, and makes this application

Nancy (Pickering) Summers's claim for a pension based on James's military service provides information about his service and their lives, but is not without error. (Courtesy of Diane Schuch.)

William K. Summers, a progenitor of the Wittenberg Summers, is the subject of a later chapter.

Robert Summers Sr., said to have the middle name "Clancy" though no reliable source is given, was born in Tennessee 28 Oct 1806.[218,188] On 12 Sep 1825 in Sumner County he married Sally Briley[115] They were living in Franklin Co, Illinois, by 1830, where census data indicate that they had at least eleven children (confirmed are Harriet, William C., John W., Robert Jr., and Harvey M.).[219,220,188,221] But Sallie died young, on 3 Sep 1844 at age 39. She was buried in Knob Prairie Cemetery in Franklin County.[222] On 15 Feb 1845 in Sumner Co, Tennessee, Robert was wedded a second time to Lucinda Perkins.[115] The bondsman was William Summers, Robert's possible brother. Though married in Sumner Co, Lucinda and Robert lived out their married lives in Franklin Co, where Lucinda gave Robert seven more children—Sarah, Louisa, Missouri, Charity, Lucinda, Andrew, and Grant.[188,221,223] Robert died 2 Sep 1865 and was buried alongside his first wife in Knob Prairie Cemetery.[218] We last see Lucinda in the Franklin County 1870 census, living with five of her children. We don't know when she died or where she was laid to rest.

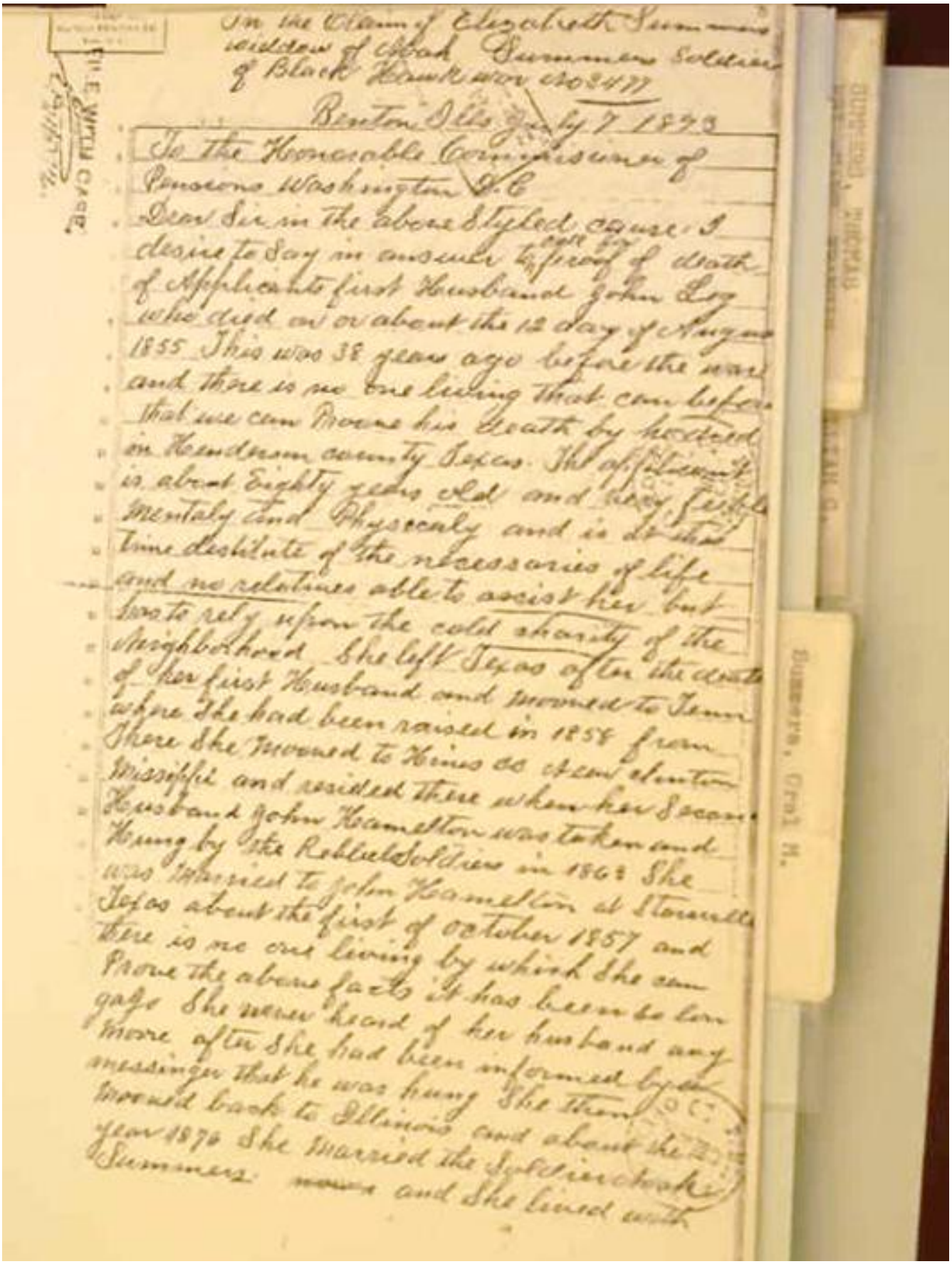
Knob Prairie Cemetery in Franklin Co, is the resting place for over 100 member of the Summers family (2019). The Cemetery began in the early 1800s. The oldest Summers grave for which an original marker is found is that of Robert Summers. The Knob Prairie Church was organized in 1856, a branch of the Antioch Baptist Church, Macedonia, Illinois. In the early 1800s the Knob Prairie and Mt. Etna Methodist Congregations met in a log building at the Knob Prairie present location. When the building began to deteriorate the Mt. Etna group went about 2 miles south and met in different homes and then built their own church in 1826. The Knob Prairie Church had three different buildings. The last one was built about 1900 and ceased to exist in the 1980s.[224]


SURVIVOR'S SERVICE PENSION,
INDIAN WARS,
Act of July 27, 1892.

Noah's death is noted on a service pension record. (Patricia Terwilliger Collection.)

Noah Summers was born 28 Apr 1809 in Sumner Co, Tennessee (according to unverified sources)[197] or c1808 in Tennessee according to census records.[225,226] On 13 Aug 1827 in Sumner County Noah wedded Mary Sarah Briley, a member of the Briley clan, which claimed multiple marriages with Summers family members.[115] Thomas Summers, Noah's presumed father, was the bondsman. Noah and Mary first lived in Franklin Co, Illinois, their residence in 1830,[227] where, on 16 Jun 1832. Noah enrolled to participate in the Black Hawk War.[208] By 1840, however, the family was back in Sumner Co, where Noah and Mary appear in the 1850 and 1860 censuses, with, at varying times, six children—Martha, Jesse, Caroline, Sarah, Lycurgus, and Harriet.[225,228] Green Summers, believed to be a seventh child, was married and living next door to Noah and Mary in 1850.[229] By 1870 Noah's family was back in Eastern Twp, Franklin Co, Illinois.[226] It was there that Mary Sarah apparently died, for on 9 Apr 1876, Noah was married to Elizabeth Briley, an apparent kin to his first wife.[230] Noah was living in Eastern Twp, with Elizabeth in 1880,[231] but on 10 Jan 1893, a date written on a pension record, Noah died.

Elizabeth's convoluted life before her marriage to Noah, is nicely described in an Affidavit of Marriages dated 7 Jul 1893, part of an application for a widow's pension from Noah's service in the Indian Wars.[232] Elizabeth had been married twice before, to John Legg on 3 Oct 1835 in Sumner Co[233] and to John Hamilton on 1 Oct 1857 in Starrville, Texas. According to Elizabeth, John died due to a hanging in 1863 by Confederate soldiers in Hinds Co, Mississippi.[232]



In the Claim of Elizabeth Summers
widow of Abad Summers Soldier
of Black Hawk war cno2477

Benton Ills July 7 1893

To the Honorable Commissioner of
Pensions Washington D.C
Dear Sir in the above Styled cause I
desire to say in answer to proof of death
of Applicants first Husband John Log
who died on or about the 12 day of Augus
1855 This was 38 years ago before the war
and there is no one living that can befor
that we can Prove his death by hearsay
in Henderson county Texas. The affiliant
is about Eighty years old and very feeble
Mentaly and Physicaly and is destitute
time destitute of the necessaries of life
and no relatives able to assist her but
has to rely upon the cold charity of the
Neighborhood She left Texas after the death
of her first Husband and moved to Tenn
where She had been raised in 1858 from
there She moved to Kings co Stewartston
Missiffi and resided there when her Second
Husband John Hamelton was taken and
Hung by the Rebbel Soldiers in 1862 She
was Married to John Hamelton at Stewartsville
Texas about the first of October 1857 and
there is no one living by which She can
Prove the above facts it has been so long
ago She never heard of her husband any
more after She had been informed by a
messinger that he was hung She then
moved back to Illinois and about the
year 1870 She Married the Soldier whose
Summers name and She lived with

In an Affidavit of Marriages(7 Jul 1893, p. 1), Elizabeth reveals her previous marriages. (Patricia Terwilliger collection).

John K. Summers was born in Tennessee about 1808,[234] and is often given the name "John Edward" with no evidence except other trees. On 20 Mar 1830, John K.[235] married Elizabeth Larken in Franklin Co, Illinois.[236] There the couple lived much of their married life and raised eight children: Francis M., George W., William J., Isaac, Elijah, James K., Mary E., and Phoebe.[237,235,238] But in 1860, following the birth of their last-born, John and Elizabeth are found in Lynn Twp, Posey Co, Indiana, where their oldest child Francis is head of the household.[238] The reason for the move to Posey County is unknown. The only Summers relative known to be living there at the time was John's nephew, John R., son of William K. Summers.[239] By the time of the 1870 census both John K. Summers and his wife, Elizabeth, had vanished and were presumably dead. In fact, it is likely that John was deceased by 1864 since his name is crossed out on his father's Affidavit of Decease.[151] Though their lives appear relatively uninteresting, John and Elizabeth were the origins the following detective story.

On 29 Dec 1869, a Mary E. Summers married Ezra K. "Gelchrist" ("Gilchrist" in other records) in Franklin Co, Illinois. .[240] Born around 1829 in Vermont (or New Hampshire), in 1850 at age 21, Ezra Gilchrist was living with relatives in Barnet, Vermont,[241] where he would be buried one day.[242] He then went to Osceola, Missouri, where in 1860 he was working as a carpenter.[243] He soon moved to Franklin Co, Illinois, where he enlisted in the 89th Illinois Volunteer Infantry on 13 Aug 1862.[244] On 9 May 1864 in the Civil War battle of Buzzard Roost in Whitfield Co, Georgia, Ezra was wounded in the right foot, causing serious deformity [245] He became increasingly lame until he was mustered out 12 Mar 1865. He then went to work as a saloon keeper in the notorious town of Sneakout in Franklin County.[245] That may be how he met Mary Summers, for the Summers had close connections to Sneakout (p. 35). Possibly as a result of the injury, the treatment, or hospital stays, Ezra developed chronic diarrhea, resulting in his death on 18 Jan 1873 in Parrish, Illinois, just three years after he and Mary had wed.[245] The couple had a single child, William Gilchrist, who appears to have died young, possibly as an infant.[246]

On 10 Aug 1873 in Franklin Co, the widowed Mary Gilchrist married James H. Duckworth,[247] son of Moses Duckworth and Cassander A. Summers,[248] and brother of John Wilson Duckworth, who achieved notoriety owing to his KKK connection (p. 36)**.**

We know a lot about Mary's husbands, Ezra and James, but we face a great mystery in Mary, herself. She is known to have been born around 1847, but three Mary E. Summers of Franklin Co, Illinois, all first cousins and all granddaughters of Thomas and Priscilla, fit that description: Mary E., daughter of Harper and Phebe (Swafford) Summers; Mary Elizabeth, daughter of William K. and Elizabeth (Whittington) Summers; and Mary E., daughter of John K. and Elizabeth (Larken) Summers. Others can be ruled out by age or proven histories.

Guesses have been made, but no proof other than the name has been available. But proof has now been found in the National Archives Civil War Pension file for Ezra Gilchrist.[245] The massive file includes a 23 Mar 1897 deposition from a George W. Summers stating that he was a brother of Mary Summers Gilchrist Duckworth. George testified that he was 67 years old (born c1830) and that he lived in Macedonia, Illinois.

Only one of our candidates had a brother George born anywhere near 1830 and that was Mary E. Summers, daughter of John K. and Elizabeth (Larken) Summers, whose brother was George W., born c1832.[235]

One problem remains. Neither the 1880 census nor the 1900 census show a George Summers of the required age living in Hamilton or Franklin county even though in 1897 George gave his address as Macedonia, which straddles

James H and Mary E Duckworth family. Children, left to right Herbert, Orvil, Richard, James Lawrence, Robert. (Courtesy of Larry Jones.)

both counties. But George could have moved there after 1880 and could have died by 1900. He was 67 years old at the time of the deposition and was not living in a healthy area.

James and Mary Duckworth raised five children, all boys, in Eastern Twp, Franklin Co, Illinois,[249,250] before moving to Black Rock, Arkansas, where they where living in 1910.[251] In 1920, a widowed James was living with his son Humbert in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. There, James died 22 Oct 1925.[252,253] We do not know when or where, Mary E. passed on.

Harper Summers, who was born in Tennessee c1811,[190,254] leaves an unsolved mystery—who was his wife? We know her name was "Phebe" or "Pheba" (or "Phoebe"?) and that she was born c1814 in Kentucky,[190,254] but he birth name remains to be proven. A large number of family tree "researchers" give her name as "Phoebe Swafford" (also "Swofford"), daughter of Samuel and Mary (Larkin) Swafford but no proof is given. It certainly is a reasonable ancestry. The name "Swafford/Swofford" was common in Franklin Co, where Harper and Phebe lived, and in that county in 1820, 1830, and 1840 resided the family of a Samuel Swafford.[255,256,257] And on 14 may 1812 Samuel had married "Polly Larker" (likely Mary Larkin") in Muhlenberg Co, Kentucky, the state in which Phoebe had been born, a couple of years later.[258] Finally, Samuel appears to have left a widow, Mary, a name for which "Polly" is commonly used.[259] Had Harper's wife been born "Phoebe Swafford?" Probably. Harper and Phebe lived out their married lives in Franklin Co, where they raised six children—Sarah Jane, Eli, Calvin, Mary E., George, and Enoch.[190,254] On Nov 1855 Harper purchased 40 acres of Franklin County land in Sec 27, next to his father's holdings in Sec 28 (see p. 23). Then in March 1870 Harper signed his will, from which his daughter Mary, apparently deceased, was omitted:[260]

> *I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Pheobe [sic] Summers the farm on which we now reside . . . and that at her death otherwise ceasing to my widow all property to her aforesaid bequeathed or so much thereof as may remain and also the farm and land above described to my Son Enoch Summers and to his heirs and assigns forever . . . and devise unto the Said Enoch Summers one horse . . . and Eli Summers Calvin Summers George Summers my three sons and to Sarah Jane McCuskey my daughter five dollars Each.*

Excepting a paltry $20 given to his siblings, Enoch, the youngest, would end up with everything. And he did not have long to wait. Neither Harper nor Phebe appear in the 1870 census, where 16-year-old Enoch is found living by himself, a farmer with $2000 in Franklin County real estate.[261] Both his parents apparently died in 1870 between the signing of the will and the taking of the census. But multiple deaths in a Southern Illinois family were not uncommon. It has been said that

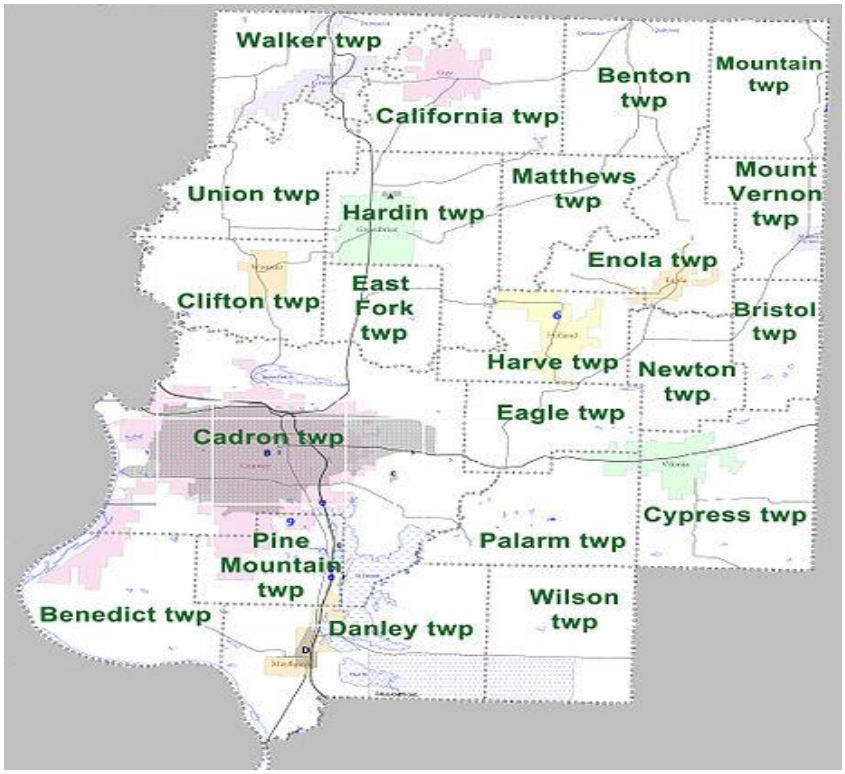
> *It is hard to imagine how profoundly difficult it was to survive on the nineteenth-century Illinois frontier. In many cases the soil was unbroken, the swamps were not drained, diseases were rampant, and medical care was scarce or non-existent. Death was a constant, if unwelcome, companion.*[262]

Elias Summers, often confused with his probable nephew Elisha, a son of Robert and Salley (Briley) Summers, was born in Tennessee c1815.[191,263] Around 1833 (based on the birth year of his oldest known child) Elias married Priscilla Frailey,[264] also born c1815 in Tennessee [191] By 1840, Elias and Priscilla were living in Franklin Co, Illinois, where they produced a family of ten children—Daniel, Priscilla, Thomas, Shepard, Margaret Ann ("Peggy"),[265] William, Elias Jr., Jasper, Samuel, and James.[191] But Priscilla died young in August 1859 of "congestive chills,"[266] leaving Elias with ten kids. He was not saddled with the burden long, for on 19 Apr 1860 in Franklin County Elias married Mary M. Williams, daughter of Moses and Sarah (Piles)[267] Williams.[268,269] Mary gave Elias four more children—Calvin C., Sarah J., Pruda B., and Moses F. Summers.[270,271] Things may have been a little crowded in the Northern Twp, Franklin Co, household, at least at first. In addition to the final four, the household included Mary's elderly widowed father, Moses, and the children from Elias's first marriage.[263] Both Moses and Elias died by 1870, when the census shows Mary with neither father nor husband.[270] Mary, who outlived Elias, by at least forty years is last seen in 1910 with her daughter Sarah and son-in-law Joseph C. Davis,[272] still living in Northern Twp.[273]

Where Elias, Priscilla, and Mary were laid to rest is unknown. But the Plasters Grove Cemetery grave marker for Elisha Summers (26 Mar 1828 - 1 Jan 1880),[274] claimed by hundreds to be for Elias, does not mark the spot. Wrong person.

Nancy Summers was born 3 Oct 1817 in Tennessee, almost certainly in Sumner Co, where she lived most if not all her life.[275,276] It was in that county that she married Samuel Briley on 29 Dec 1835.[198] The couple is found in Sumner County censuses for 1840 (presumably Nancy is the adult woman in the census, which lists only the family head, "Sam'l Briley"),[277] 1850,[278] 1860,[276] 1870,[279] and 1880.[280] According to those censuses, during that time, Samuel went from farming, to carpentry, and back to farming, and the couple raised nine children—Mary, Rebecca, Charlotte, Emaline, Samuel Monroe, Amanda, Premitory, Calvin, and Franklin Marian. Nancy died 17 Apr 1882.[275] Samuel lived several years longer, passing on 15 Mar 1898.[275] The two were buried in a cemetery located 0.7 miles south of the Clearview Church of Christ, probably the burial ground referred to as "Briley Cemetery No. 3."[275]

Joseph Summers was an itinerate chap, residing at various times in Tennessee, Illinois (Franklin and Hamilton Counties), and Arkansas. He was born c1817 in Sumner Co,[281] and then moved with his parents to Franklin Co, Illinois, where, on 28 Sep 1837, he married Jane McClusky.[282] Joseph, with (presumably) Jane, is found in the 1840 Franklin County census, which shows both adults to be illiterate, a finding seen in some of the other censuses in which they appear. Joseph and Jane are still found in Franklin County in 1850,[192] but they then moved to Hamilton Co, Illinois, where they were living in Flannigan Twp in 1860 and in South Flannigan Twp in 1870.[283,284] Between 12 Feb 1864 and 31 Aug 1865, Joseph served as a private in the 13th Cavalry of the Union Army.[285] The couple's final destination was California Twp in Faulkner Co, Arkansas, where they are found living by themselves in the 1880 census.[286] Joseph died sometime before 14 Mar 1896, when Jane applied for a Civil War widow's pension.[287] She is last seen in 1900 living with her married daughter Malinda in South Sugar Loaf Twp, Cleburne Co, Arkansas.[288] Census records indicate nine children, P. F., Francis Marion,[289] Sidney G., George A., Thomas M., Prudy, Lithy, Malinda, and N. J.[192,283,284]



California Twp, Joseph and Jane's home in 1880, is located in northeast Faulkner Co. (*Public Domain*.)

Alexander Summers, who usually went by "Alex," was born c1818 in Tennessee, but lived most of his life as a farmer in Franklin Co, Illinois.[193,290,291,292] There, Alex was married three times, to Mary ("Polly") Sullivan on 5 Dec 1836,[293] to Harriett Hatchett on 6 Sep 1855,[294] and the widowed Terrisa Emeline McElyea[295] Johnson on 4 Sep 1864.[296] Alexander had nine children from his first marriage (Thomas, Harriett, Edward, William, Susan, Sally, James R., Jackson, and Mary)[193,291] and two from his third (Eva and Wilburn).[292] Both Alex and Terrisa are found in the 1870 Franklin Co, Illinois, census, but are not seen after that year.[292]

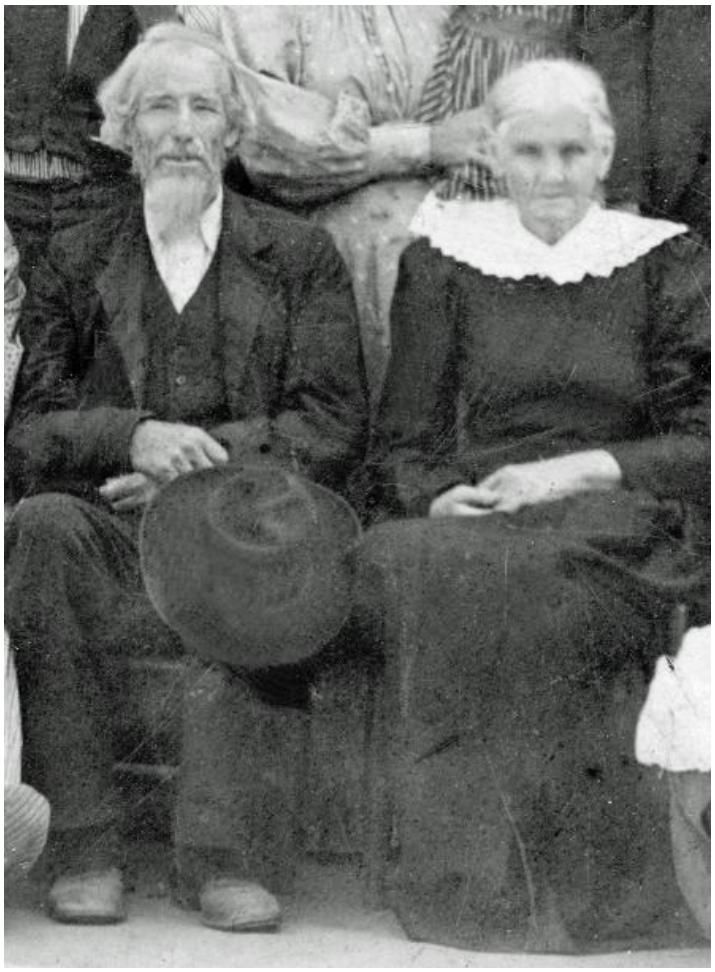
Thomas Summers Jr., born in Tennessee c1820,[195] was married to Aletha McClusky in Franklin Co, Illinois, on 2 Feb 1839.[194] There, as far as can be determined, the couple lived the rest of their lives. Certainly, they were there in 1880, the last date either is shown in a reliable record.[297] In Franklin Co, Thomas farmed while Aletha bore ten children—Sarah J., Ellen, Lydia J., Melvina, Thomas M., Elizabeth, Malinda, Tolbert Parrish,[298] William, and Mardona.[194,299,297]

Peter Summers was born c1824 in either Tennessee or Illinois. He was born around the time that his parents moved to Illinois and it may be that he was uncertain about his birthplace since both places are listed for him in censuses.[196,300] He married Mary (Polly) Sullivan on 5 Jan 1841 in Franklin County.[301] There, the couple raised

six children—Presley, Emaline, Evaline, Hulda, Amanda, and Eliza J.[196,300] Hundreds of online trees claim that Peter had the middle name "Frank" and that he died 25 Jan 1864 in Franklin County. Not a single credible source is, however, given.

Braxton Parrish Summers,[185] born in Illinois Sep 1825 and the last-born of Thomas Summers's children,[302] was married twice. His first wife was Nancy Sullivan and though we have no record of the marriage, Nancy's grave marker at the Mount Etna Methodist Church Cemetery in Eastern Twp, Franklin Co, Illinois nicely states "NANCY WIFE OF B. P. SUMMERS."[303] It is said by Franklin County researchers and at least one family member, that Nancy had been raped as a child by a neighbor, William B. Dillon, and had a son as a result. It is impossible to confirm this nearly two centuries later, but the 1850 Franklin County census shows that Nancy and Braxton's household included a 14-year-old "Thomas Somers,"[304] who has the name "Thomas Sullivan" in later records.[305,306]

Nancy's marker in Mount Etna Methodist Church Cemetery.



Braxton and Priscilla Summers, 1898. (Provided by Barbara Clement.)

Nancy died 21 Sep 1857 and Braxton married Priscilla Sullivan, believed to be Nancy's sister, on 21 Feb 1858.[184,185] Braxton had seven children of his own from his first marriage—Sylvester, Joel, Henry, Zachariah, Mary A., Henry R. (the earlier Henry died young), and Willis A.—and eight more from his second—Nancy J., Sarah C., John D., Thomas G., Luther P., Edward, Charles Alfred, and Eva S.[304,305,307,308] Braxton and Priscilla moved from Franklin County to Taylor Co, Texas, where they were living in 1880 and then to Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, where they were living in 1900.[308,309] This is the last we see of Braxton, but Priscilla, who did not pass away until 4 Mar 1924, is buried in Maxwell Cemetery, Pontotoc Co, Oklahoma.[310]

Little Egypt, a Digression

KKK

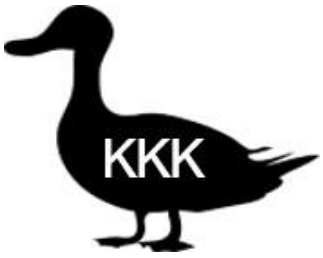
With its large population of southerners, Little Egypt had a worrisome number of Confederate sympathizers during the Civil War. Active in the area was The Knights of the Golden Circle (KGC), a pro-slavery, antiwar group. It was claimed that in 1862 Williamson County had 1000 Knights, an incredibly large number considering that in 1860, the county had only 12,205 residents. Some say that the KGC was the forerunner of the Ku Klux Klan in Southern Illinois and certainly the viewpoints of the two organizations were similar.

Illinois counties with KKK activity, 1867–1875

The KKK originated in 1865 in Pulaski, Tennessee, to combat former slaves and republicans in order to maintain the status of the local white elites, but it spread elsewhere. It is said to have reached Southern Illinois by 1867, and it certainly had done so 1871, when forty men attacked the farm of John Baker on the Williamson-Franklin county line, driving him and his family off. The following year, on 22 Apr, fourteen riders in masks, robes, and pointed caps hung Isaac Vancil, a 73-year-old Williamson County farmer known for his multitude of illegitimate children and his questionable life style.[311] Though the hanging was carried out in Williamson Co, members of the Franklin County Klan were present. At least two trial witnesses who testified against the Klan for Vancil's slaying were later murdered.[312]

St. Louis Republican, 1875

The Klan continued to increase activity in the seven Southern Illinois counties Franklin, Williamson, Jackson, Saline, Johnson, Union, and Pope.[181] During 1874 and 1875, the Egyptian Night Riders claimed to have conducted about one hundred raids in Franklin County.[311] There was little activity against African Americans, which were nearly nonexistent in most of these counties. The Klan acted instead as vigilantes, claiming to right wrongs and to punish miscreants living immoral lives. In fact, much of the activity appears to have been to settle personal grudges. One newsman said the cause was just "inherent 'cussedness'."[313]



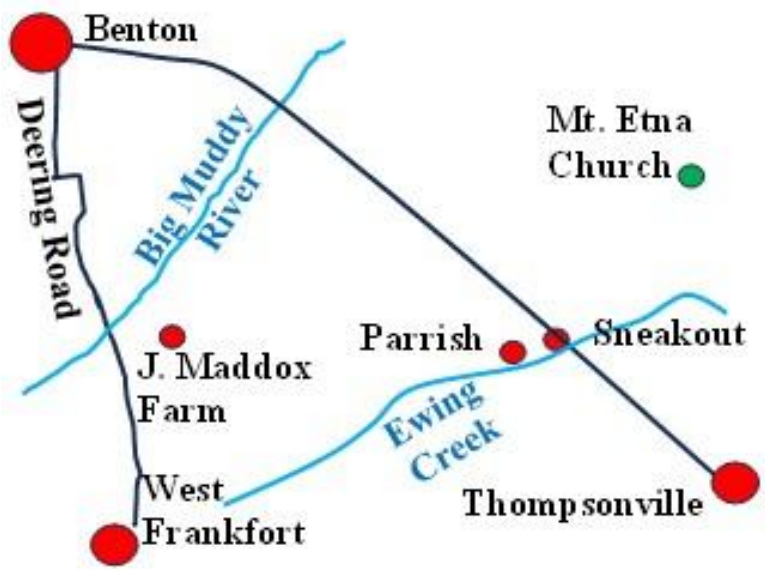
Were the night riders in Southern Illinois really the Ku Kux Klan? They called themselves Klansmen, their dress and oaths resembled those of the original Klan, and they were considered KKK members by government officials and newspaper reporters. If it walks like a duck…

On the other hand, the organization appeared to be relatively nonpolitical. Some members were said to be Republican, a "no-no" for Klans in the deep south. And some participants had fought in the Union Army during the Civil War. But, for convenience, we will continue to refer to the Southern Illinois masked rider organizations, as the KKK.

The Battle of Maddox Lane

The beginning of the end of KKK activities in Franklin County (at least for a while) occurred at the "battle of Maddox lane."[313,314] Here, it is said, "the Klan met their real Bull Run, Appomattox, and Waterloo."[315]

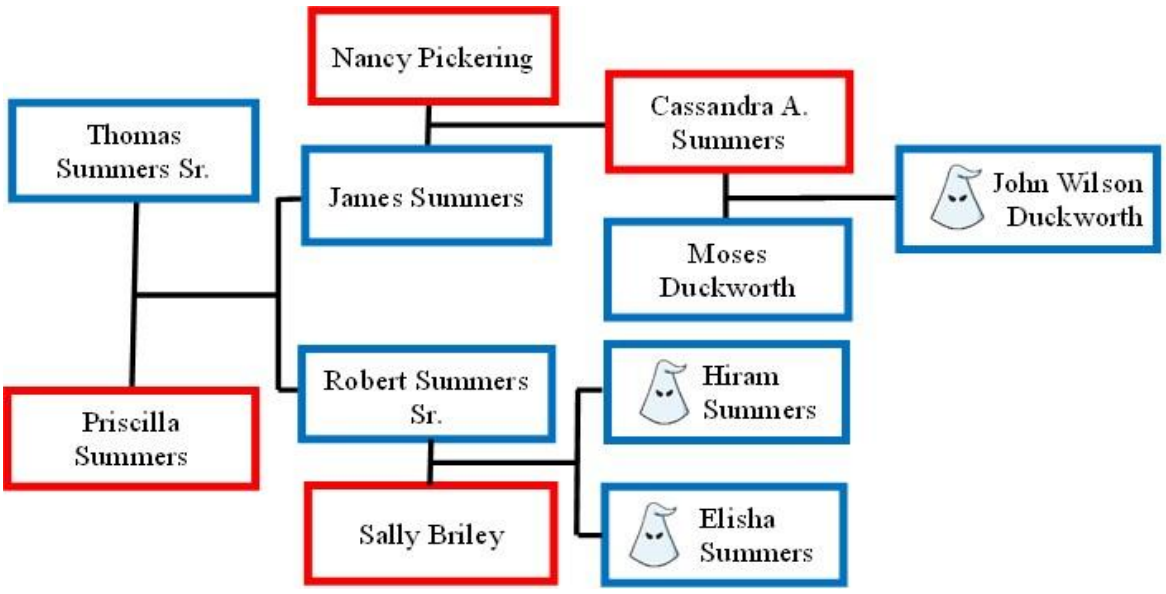
In the summer of 1875, the Klan were planning two Franklin County "hits"—Capt. John Hogan and John B. Maddox. Hogan had earned Klan wrath because he had the audacity to prosecute Hiram Summers, a Klan member and liquor dealer in the village of Speakeasy, for selling whiskey to Hogan's son. Hogan had been ordered by the Klan to reimburse Hiram for his $100 fine and for costs. Maddox was on the Klan's hit list because he had "been a little too free with women and with Rice's wife." We don't know who Rice was, but he presumably had Klan connections. A Klan member, William Washington Jacobs, turned informant and let Maddox and Hogan know of the Klan's plans. They, in turn, asked authorities for help.[314]



Very early the morning of 17 Aug 1875, a group of armed and masked men on horseback were caught approaching the farmhouse of John Maddox a few miles north of West Frankfort and just east of what is today Deering Road.[316,317] A sheriff's posse, waiting in ambush along the lane, opened fire with shotguns. One masked rider, John Duckworth, tumbled from his horse. The others, several also wounded, fled but were hunted down and eventually arrested.

Believing he was on his deathbed, the downed rider told all he knew about the Klan, continuing to spill the beans even after he survived. He had been initiated into the Klan by Hiram Summers, the Sneakout liquor dealer, at the farm lot of Elisha Summers. Some contemporary newspaper articles listed Elisha as Eli, but for a variety of reasons, we know it was probably not Eli. And who was the downed KKK rider, John Duckworth? It turns out he was John Wilson Duckworth, a son of Cassander Summers, Thomas Summers's granddaughter! Hiram and Elisha Summers were brothers and were Cassander's cousins. It was all in the family.

Were these members of the Summers family really KKK participants? Probably, though they may have just been ruffians, lawless individuals with a streak of cussedness. Let's hope that was all it was because, as we will see, Summers participation was much, much more extensive than indicated here.



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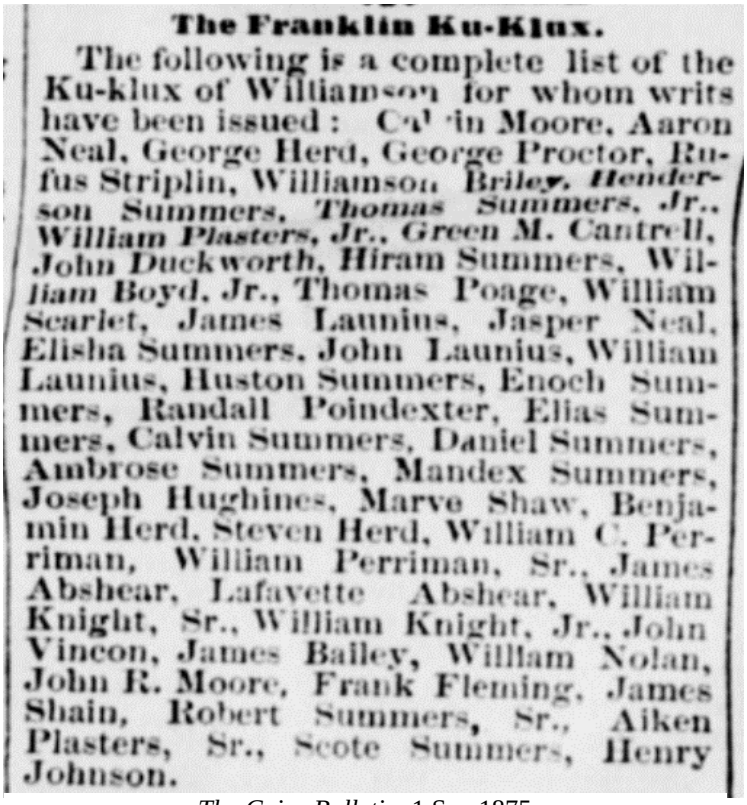


The Franklin Ku-Klux.

The following is a complete list of the Ku-klux of Williamson for whom writs have been issued: Calvin Moore, Aaron Neal, George Herd, George Proctor, Rufus Striplin, Williamson Briley, Henderson Summers, Thomas Summers, Jr., William Plasters, Jr., Green M. Cantrell, John Duckworth, Hiram Summers, William Boyd, Jr., Thomas Poage, William Scarlet, James Launius, Jasper Neal, Elisha Summers, John Launius, William Launius, Huston Summers, Enoch Summers, Randall Poindexter, Elias Summers, Calvin Summers, Daniel Summers, Ambrose Summers, Mandex Summers, Joseph Hughines, Marve Shaw, Benjamin Herd, Steven Herd, William C. Perriman, William Perriman, Sr., James Abshear, Lafayette Abshear, William Knight, Sr., William Knight, Jr., John Vincon, James Bailey, William Nolan, John R. Moore, Frank Fleming, James Shain, Robert Summers, Sr., Aiken Plasters, Sr., Scote Summers, Henry Johnson.

The Cairo Bulletin, 1 Sep 1875

Following the battle of Maddox Lane, John Duckworth was the first member of the KKK group to be arrested. Eventually, forty-eight Franklin County men, involved in the Maddox Lane incident or suspected of being KKK members, were arrested. The list is most interesting.[318]

Thirteen of those arrested had the Summers surname and were descendants of Joseph Summers, born in Kent County Delaware! And many others who were issued writs had Summers connections. At least twenty of those arrested were members or in-laws of the Franklin County Summers family.

And what happened to the captives? An attempt to try them in a Mt. Vernon, Illinois, Federal Commissioners court failed.[319] Even Aaron Neal, the "Grand Master" of the Franklin County Klan, who was found guilty in a Benton, Illinois, trial of the minor charge of disturbing the peace, was never punished. But, though the conspirators went free, the power of the KKK in Franklin County was broken, at least until the 1920s when it reemerged throughout Southern and Central Illinois.

On 10 Oct 1875, John Wilson Duckworth, who nearly lost his life at Maddox Lane, married his second cousin, Elizabeth Ann Summers,[320] and then immediately left Illinois. A St. Louis newspaper story of the 15 Jan 1876 Benton, Illinois, trial of Aaron Neal, stated[321]

> *"A much stronger case could have been made for the people but for the absence of Jacobs and Duckworth, the chief prosecuting witnesses. The whereabouts of the last named gentlemen is not exactly known, but it is thought they are traveling for their health."*

Like John Duckworth, William Washington Jacobs, a participant in the Maddox Lane incident, had been an informant, though he claimed to have joined the Klan only to expose its activities. Jacobs and Duckworth were certainly "traveling for their health." They had made enemies not only due to their KKK connection, but also because they had squealed. They had antagonized both sides.

John and Elizabeth first fled to Posey Co, Indiana,[322] where the Duckworths had lived before moving to Franklin County. They then moved on to Union Co, Kentucky.[323] John Duckworth died in Henderson Co, Kentucky, 10 Oct 1938.[324] Jacobs and his wife headed to Perry Co, Illinois, where he died 3 May 1921.[325]

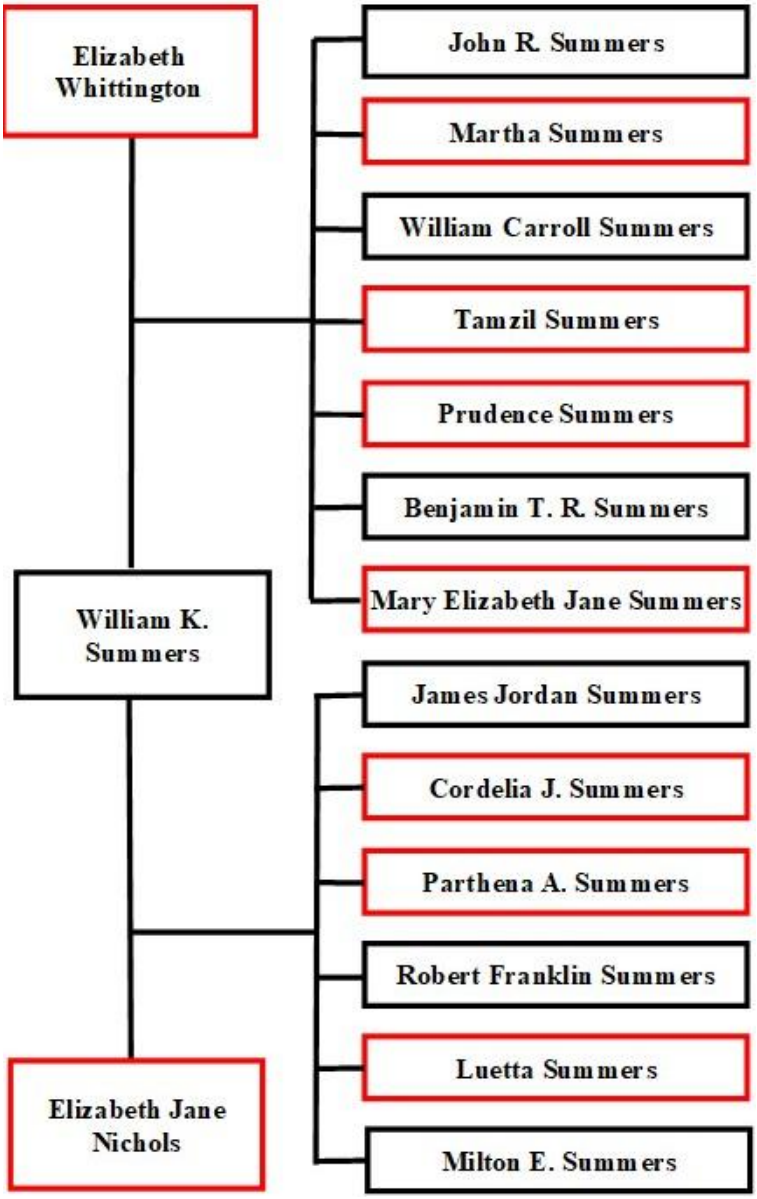
John and Elizabeth Duckworth, Kentucky, c1935

William K. Summers

A single contemporary document, Thomas Summer's Affidavit of Decease shows William as a son of Thomas and Priscilla.[151] According to the 1870 census, William was born around 1804 in Tennessee, presumably in Sumner County. His ages of 50 in the 1850 census,[326] 63 in the 1860 census,[327] and 66 in the 1870 census[328] give birth years ranging from 1796 to 1804. Most people knock years off as they age. William did just the opposite. We will take William's year of birth to be around 1800.

William may appear in the 1830 census for White Co, Illinois, where he is seen with just one other person, a woman aged 20 to 30, presumably his wife.[329] The ages are reasonable and the absence of children is expected from information in other censuses, as we shall see. Most important is that White County is near Franklin Co, where in 1830, individuals believed to be William's brothers, James,[207] Robert,[219] Noah,[227] and John Summers,[237] had established households, and where William's parents were living.[180] By 1840 William was living in Franklin County with a woman aged 20 through 29, two boys of ages under 5 and 5 through 9, and two girls with the same age ranges.[330] As we will see, the children were John R., Martha, William Carroll, and Tamzil Summers.

On 12 Mar 1850, in Robertson Co, Tennessee, William Summers married Jane Nichols,[331] William's first wife having apparently died. But we know who wife one was thanks to one of her children. Tamzil's death record gives her parents as "Wm" Summers and Elizabeth Whittington.[332]



William's wives and his thirteen children.

Why William had returned to Tennessee is a mystery, but in 1850 following his marriage in Robertson Co, he was living in Sumner County.[326] With one possible exception, all of William's siblings appear to have been in Franklin Co, Illinois, by 1850. The possible exception? William's presumed and only sister, Nancy Briley, was, living in Sumner Co,[278] where she would live out her life, being buried there following her death.[275]

William appears in the 1850 census with his new wife, "Elizabeth,"[326] whose given name was "Elizabeth Jane Nichols."[333] Elizabeth is often assigned the name "Nickels," but she appears as "Nichols" in her Robertson County marriage record and census data show that Robertson County was swarming with "Nichols" in 1850, with nary a single "Nickels."

Besides his new wife, the 1850 census record for William lists six children, all from his first marriage: Martha, Carroll, "Tamsly," Prudence, Benjamin, and Jane.[326] His oldest child, John R., had remained behind in Franklin Co, Illinois, where "Jno Somers" was living in the household of John Sullivan, probably working as a farmhand.[149] Even though he does not appear with William and Elizabeth in the 1850 Sumner County census, we know that

John was William's son because he is listed as such in William's estate proceedings.[333] In 1850 John Sullivan was living next to Braxton Parrish Summers, John R. Summers's uncls.[151,304,149]

But not only John is missing from the 1850 census for the William K. Summers's family, also missing is Mary E. Summers. Mary E. appears as a 13-year-old child in the 1860 census for William and Elizabeth Jane's family,[327] but is absent from the 1850 census. On the other hand Jane Summers, who is found in the 1850 census is missing from the 1860 census.[326] It is likely that the two are the same person, possibly Mary E. Jane Summers. It is also quite possible that the difference in name is due to census enumerator error. Birth years calculated from the census ages for May and Jane do appear to differ, c1847 for Mary and c1850 for Jane, but age discrepancies are common in censuses.

William and his second wife soon returned to Franklin Co, probably by 1852 when one of their daughters was married there.[335] In 1860 in Franklin County they are seen with two new children, "James Jor" and Cordelia J.[327] And in 1870, they have four more, Parthena, Robert, Luetta, and Milton.[328] All in all, William K. Summers had thirteen children from his two marriages.

William's Land in Eastern Twp[334].

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15 Jul 1854	SW¼ NE¼ S21
15 Jul 1854	SW¼ SW¼ S20
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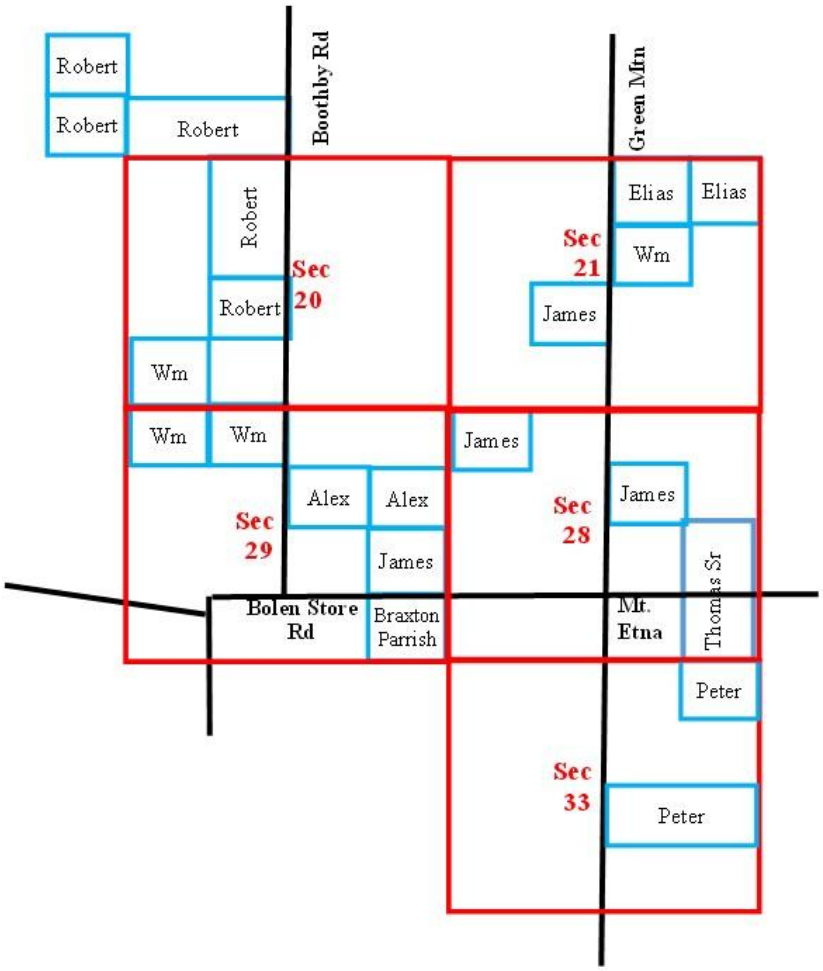

Eastern Twp properties purchased by Thomas Sr family members in the 1850s and 1860s. Thomas's property was War of 1812 bounty land.

Shortly after returning from Tennessee to Illinois in the early 1850s, William K. began making land purchases in Eastern Twp, the Summers homeland. And other Summerses were doing the same.

William died on 10 Dec 1870, according to an Affidavit of Decease, which names all thirteen of his children.[336] The document also estimates the value of his personal estate at $250. We don't know William's resting place.

Elizabeth Jane, William's widow, married Ephraim Williams on 19 Sep 1871 in Franklin County.[337] Elizabeth was Ephraim's fourth wife. He had earlier married Sarah Bett, Elizabeth Williams, and Elizabeth Stamps.[338,339,340] And he would one day marry Fannie Jane Randels.[341] Elizabeth died 2 Apr 1882 in Northern Twp, Franklin County and was interred in Liberty-Ridlin Cemetery, Macedonia, Illinois,[342] where Ephraim was also buried following his death 17 Jan 1891.[343] Ephraim and Elizabeth had a single child Charlotte, born 4 Dec 1872, died 18 Feb 1930.[344,345]

The 1870 Agricultural Census Schedule list seventeen farms belonging to Summers families in Eastern Twp. The 1880 Agricultural Census Schedule lists sixteen Summers farms in Eastern Twp and eight more in other Frankfort County townships.[346]

William's Children

Sarah Ann Hudson Summers, c1880 (courtesy of Mary Summers).

John R. Summers was born in Illinois in October 1834 according to the 1900 census,[347] though other census data indicate a birth year around 1830. John R. is often given the nickname "Hurricane," without any reliable source. And he is often said to have been a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil War, but this cannot be confirmed since the only record cited gives nothing to distinguish him from others with the same name. On 21 Sep 1855, in Franklin Co, John married Sarah Boyd.[348] Sarah was born Sarah Ann[333] Hudson in Tennessee around 1832.[**239**,349] When she married John, she was presumably the widow of Hiram Boyd, to whom she was wed in Franklin County just three years earlier, on 2 Sep 1852.[350] For some reason the newlyweds, John and Sarah, moved to Lynn Twp, Posey Co, Indiana, where in 1860 they were living with two children, Elzina E. and Sarah J., and a "Hester Summers."[**239**] Elzina and Sarah, apparently twins since both have ages corresponding to a birthdate of May 1860, seemingly died young since they are never seen again. "Hester" appears to have been John's sister Tamzil (see **Tamzil Summers**, p. 40). By 1870, the couple was back in Franklin Co, with numerous other Summers families.[349,] Sarah Ann had died by 1900, when we find John, a widower, living with his son William in Flannigan Twp.[347] And this is the last we see of John. John and Sarah Summers had four children in addition to Elzina and Sarah: John W., William Julian,[351] Easter A., and Daniel.[349,352]

Martha Summers was born in Illinois, presumably Franklin Co, 10 Aug 1835 and married there 30 Nov 1852, after returning from Sumner Co, probably with her father and new stepmother.[326,353,335] Martha's husband was Joseph Collins, a farmhand in Eastern Twp, Franklin Co, where Martha's parents settled upon returning from Tennessee.[354] Joseph and Martha farmed for a while in Eastern Twp and then in Cave Twp, during which time they raised a single child, Sarah Elizabeth[355] Collins.[356,357] But then the couple moved a long ways, to Jack Co, Texas. There, in 1880, they were living next door to their daughter and her husband William Plasters.[358,359] Had Sarah and William followed Sarah's parents to Texas? Or had Martha and Joseph gone to Texas to be with their daughter and her family? We don't know, but Martha and Joseph may have moved on to Oklahoma, for that is where they are buried, in Oaklawn Cemetery, Wynnewood, Garvin County.[360,353] Joseph died 31 Aug 1898 and Martha just a few months later, 26 Jun 1899.

William Carroll Summers led a mysterious life. He is first seen as Carroll Summers in the 1850 census with his parents in Sumner Co, Tennessee, where he was presumably born on 28 Dec 1839.[326,361] He is shown with the name "William C" in his father's Affidavit of Decease and in several other records.[336] But he is seen with the full given name "William Carroll" only in the death record for his son Vital L. Summers.[362] William is not found in the 1860 census, but on 10 Dec 1862 in Franklin Co, Illinois, a William C. Summers married a Cassander "Dockworth."[363] We know who Cassander is. She is Cassander Summers, daughter of James and Nancy Pickering Summers (p. 27) and the widow of Moses Duckworth, to whom she was married in Franklin County on 5 Mar 1851.[364] But we cannot be certain of the identity of William C. Summers, though everything indicates that he was William Carroll Summers, Cassander's first cousin. William and, presumably, Cassander are found in the 1865 Illinois State Census for Eastern Twp, Franklin Co, with four boys and two girls, probably most or all Duckworths from Cassander's first marriage.[365] By 1870 at least three of Cassander's four known children, James H., John Wilson, Sarah E., and Nancy J. Duckworth,[248] were living with relatives.[205,366,367] Cassander had apparently died, William had disappeared, and his stepchildren had been "farmed out." Missing from the 1870 census, William is located when he marries "Elisabeth Beard" in Cross Co, Arkansas on 20 Oct 1871.[368] Elisabeth Beard was born Elizabeth Eleanor Collie,[369] around 1856 had married John B. Pitts, and on 15 Aug 1867 in Cross Co, Thomas Beard.[370,371] But how do we know that the William C. Summers who married Elizabeth is the same William C. who was a son of William K. of Franklin Co, Illinois?[336] Actually, the only really good evidence is that the

birthdates are about the same, both were born in Tennessee, and, most important, both had the given name "William Carroll."[326,372] William and Elizabeth had three sons: John Franklin,[373] Vital Lesea,[374] and Clemens (or Clemen, or Clement) "Clem" Dariac[375] Summers.[376] But now things start getting complicated once again. In the 1900 Cross Co, census, the last census in which William appears, his wife is listed as "Margaret," born Nov 1829 in Kentucky.[377] Elizabeth, born c1840 in Mississippi, had apparently died.[369] We can find nothing more about Margaret.

More complicated is that William's will, signed with his mark on 28 Dec 1899 (exactly on his 60th birthday) in Cross Co, lists not only his three known sons but a daughter Martha Ann Johnson.[378] It is not unlikely that Martha was born to William and Elizabeth sometime after the 1880 census and was then wedded to a Johnson before the 1900 census, though it could be that she was an unknown child of William and Cassander. We can find nothing more about Martha Ann Johnson. Finally very confusing is that the 1899 will states "Knowing that my son Vital L. Summers will properly care for my wife Anevia I have made no provision for her." It seems likely that "Anevia" is another name for his presumed second wife, Margaret, but who knows? A major problem is that William was illiterate and could not confirm what was written in censuses and other documents. William died on 8 Feb 1904 and was buried in Yarbrough Cemetery, St. Francis Co, among Summers relatives.[379] One of the stones in the overgrown cemetery is for E. Summers, probably Elizabeth, William's wife, born 1843, died 1884.

Yarbrough Cemetery (Arkansas Gravestones.Org).

Tamzil Summers, who also appears as "Tansel," "Tamsly," "Tanzil," "Tamzal," "Tamsel," and "Tamzel," was born in Benton, Franklin Co, Illinois on 15 Jan 1839.[332] On 24 Jul 1862 in Franklin Co, she married Joel C. Hobbs.[380] The life of Joel Hobbs has been extensively researched by P. Michael Jones, director of the Gen. John A. Logan Museum in Murphysboro, Illinois. According to Jones[381]

> *One of the men Tillman Shirley recruited in July 1861 in and around Benton, Illinois was 21year Joel C. Hobbs of Akin. Hobbs mustered into Shirley's Co. F 40th Illinois Infantry on August 10, 1861 at Camp Butler in Springfield. Being single, a farmer and 5-foot-8 tall he was almost the Civil War's average soldier. Pvt. Hobbs spent fall and winter doing guard duty in Smithland, Kentucky no doubt wishing to "see the Elephant" as so many of the young volunteers did.*
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> *On March 10, 1862, it seemed as though his wish would be granted as he and thousands of other soldiers boarded transports and steamed up the Tennessee River to Eastport, Alabama.*
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> *His hopes were dashed, however, as rebel fortifications and high water prevented their landing. On March 17th the 40th traveled to join Gen. Grant at Pittsburg Landing near the small Shiloh Church. As Grant considered this a safe location the 40th did not construct defenses against the enemy. Hobbs must have been disappointed to have missed "seeing the elephant" at Eastport but knew it would be sooner rather than later that he would get to face the enemy at Corinth.*
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> *On April 6, 1862, Confederate forces attacked. Hobbs was probably eating breakfast when his chance to see the elephant was suddenly upon him. After the battle Gen. Sherman complimented the Fortieth Illinois for standing its ground under heavy fire with empty cartridge boxes. The 40th lost 43 men killed and 152 wounded. Among the wounded was Pvt. Joel C. Hobbs whose skull was fractured by a gunshot wound.*
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> *After being treated for his wound Hobbs returned to Akin to recuperate. Three months later, in July, he married Tansel Summers. This quick marriage makes one wonder. Had the couple courted before he war and chosen to marry realizing the possibility of his death or had Tamsel fallen in love as she helped nurse the wounded soldier. The answer to these questions is lost to time.*
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> *Hobbs received a disability discharge in September. At that time, according to his doctor William Brown, he "was generally well enough to go about!" His wound, however, continued to bother him.*

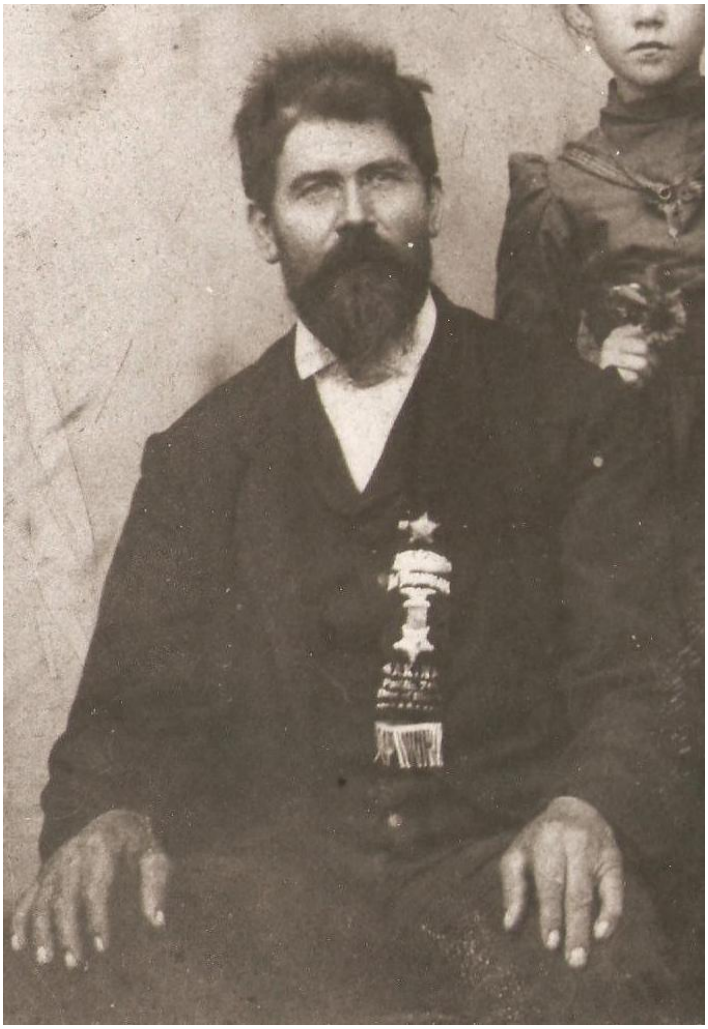
Dr. Brown, in a letter to the pension board, stated that as time passed Hobbs "was frequently attacked by convulsions" and "a piece of the skull ... detached and came away!" Pvt. Joel C. Hobbs died of convulsions on Feb. 25, 1863 and was buried in Knob Prairie Cemetery in Akin. His son, Joseph C. Hobbs, was born in late April.

Following Joel's death, "Tamzel" Hobbs married Lewis "Goff" (actually, "Lewis A. Gough")[382] on 15 Aug 1866 in Posey Co, Indiana.[383] Her death record gives her name as "Tamzil Gough" and it gives her mother's name, "Elizabeth Whittington."[332] Tamzil had a single child, Joseph C. Hobbs, from her first marriage,[381] and four, William A., C. E., Luella E., and Samuel S. Gough, from her second.[384]

Prudence Summers often went by "Pruda," "Prudy," or "Prudie," and a misreading of the first of these in the 1880 census, convinced many that her middle name was "Onida" or "Oneida."[385] It wasn't. Prudence was born in March 1840 in Illinois,[386] probably in Franklin County. and then went briefly to Tennessee, where she was living with her Father and stepmother in Sumner County. in 1850.[326] She soon returned and on 20 Jan 1867 in Franklin Co, married her first cousin Thomas M. Summers (often with the middle name "Monroe," without a shred of evidence).[387] Thomas's father, Thomas Summers Jr., and Prudence's father, William K. Summers were brothers (p. 32). The family had a single child, Charles M. Summers born in 1867[388] (or, more likely, 1870),[389] but then Prudence and Thomas split up. They divorced in Franklin County in 1873.[390] Prudence's second husband was Braxton P. Cook, who she wedded 21 Jun 1874 in Franklin County.[391] Braxton's first wife, Sarah Jane Webb,[392] had died (27 Nov 1873),[393] leaving him with eight children, all but one, who apparently died, becoming part of Prudence's greatly expanded household.[394,385] And Braxton and Prudence added one more child, Robert Franklin Cook, to the household.[395] Braxton died 14 Jul 1889 and is buried in Cook Cemetery, Macedonia, Illinois, where his first wife also rests.[396,397] But neither the death date nor the resting place is known for Prudence, who is last seen in 1900 living in Hamilton Co, Illinois, with her son Charles.[386]

Benjamin T. R. Summers (no reliable source is found for the middle names "Thomas Ronney," which appear in some histories) was born in August 1845 in Sumner Co, Tennessee during the short time that his family lived there.[398,399] In 1864 he joined the Union Army and served as a private in the 40th Illinois Infantry for a year and a half.[399] Back in Franklin County after his military service, on 20 Jan 1887 he married his first cousin Melvina Summers, daughter of his uncle Thomas and Aletha.[400,195] While farming in Franklin Co, the couple had five known children, the first two dying young: Malinda, Grant, Luada ("Ada"),[401] Nora[402] Ellen, and Martha E.[398,403,404] Benjamin died 7 May 1918 and Melvina died 6 Jul 1926, both in Hamilton Co, Illinois.[405,406]

Mary Elizabeth Summers, born c1847 in Tennessee, appears with William and Elizabeth (Nichols) in the 1860 Franklin County census.[327] An infant Jane Summers appears with William and Elizabeth in the 1850 Sumner County census.[326] And an Elizabeth is named as one of William K.'s children in his 1871 Affidavit of Death.[336] Each of these names for a child of William appears once only, and it is possible that this daughter was named Mary Elizabeth Jane Summers, though one cannot rule out census error.



Benjamin T. R. Summers (Don West).

James Jordan Summers is the subject of the next chapter.

Cordelia J. Summers led a short life and left no descendants to preserve her story. Born around 1859 in Illinois, almost certainly in Franklin Co,[327] Cordelia married young, around age sixteen, on 16 Aug 1875 in Franklin County to John B. Robertson. And that is the last we see of Robertson. Unfortunately, the name "John Robertson" is common and the last name is easily mistaken for "Robinson," "Roberson," "Robins," and "Roberts," all names connected with Franklin County. It is likely that John, whoever he may have been, died soon after the marriage, for on 15 Dec 1879 Cordelia was married again, in Jefferson Co, the next county north, to Walter A. Whitlow.[407] That the records of the second marriage give Cordelia the last name "Summers" rather than "Robertson," may indicate that her first marriage was annulled or at least ended with no desire to maintain her married name. It may be that the marriage was rushed since Walter and Cordelia had an unnamed son born 6 Mar 1879 in Marion Co, Illinois, several months before the official marriage.[408] That no child is found with the couple in the 1880 Marion County census indicates that the offspring died as an infant.[409] No other children are known. Cordelia is found in no records after 1880 and on 30 Sep 1897 Walter, apparently widowed, married Lottie A. Evans in Marion County.[410] Cordelia's death date and burial site are unknown.

Parthena A. Summers was given a name of Greek origin, though she may not have known it. Born 10 Apr 1861 in Benton, Illinois,[411] Parthena, who is seen as "Parthenia" in some records, married a man who also had various names, Elias Allman/Almon/Alomon/Allmon. On 28 Aug 1878 a license was issued to Elias "Allmon" and "Parthenia" Summers, but the accompanying certificate of marriage was left blank.[412] That Parthena claimed to be age twenty was probably the problem. She was actually seventeen at the time and a different license form providing parental consent should have been used. Elias also made himself older, claiming to be 22 rather than eighteen, though he did not need consent. The following year, both now old enough to require no parental consent, Elias and Parthena obtained another license with their correct ages, nineteen and eighteen, and were married in Franklin County the next day, 14 Sep 1879.[413] The marriage did not last. On 9 Sep 1886 Parthena was married a second time, to Eli Headley in Marion Co, Illinois, and Elias also remarried, on 24 Jul 1895 with Clola Louise Wollard in Jackson Co, Illinois.[414,415] Eli Headley had been married before, to Sarah Jane Pruitt in Marion County on 16 Dec 1861 and the couple had a number of children.[416,417] But then Sarah apparently died. Parthena and Eli had four known children:[418] Everett E.,[419] Charles,[420] Gertie,[421] and Carrie Maude.[422] And their household included a fifth child, Ethel M. Allmon, from Parthena's first marriage.[418,423] Born in Ohio in May 1832, Eli passed away on 13 Feb 1909.[418,424] His Civil War military marker is found in Sandy Branch Cemetery, Kimundy, Illinois.[425] Parthena died 30 Jun 1925 in Manteno Illinois, and was laid to rest there in Elmwood Cemetery.[411,426]

Robert Franklin Summers[336] became "Frank Robert Summers"[427] and then "Frank Robert Somers."[428] And nearly all of his descendants continued with "Somers." The history of this family has been extensively researched by Judith ("Judy") Somers, wife of Dale Franklin Somers, grandson of Frank Robert. Before Judy died in 1992,[429] she corresponded with Verne Crabtree Summers[430] providing the results of her research. Family history done by others is almost never cited in this book; however, here for Dale's grandfather's middle name and his grandparent's marriage date, birth, and death dates, we make an exception since the relationship is quite close. Dale was only five years old when his grandfather died, but he would have remembered his grandmother since he was fourteen when she passed on.[431] And Dale was given "Franklin" as his own middle name.

Lelia May Saylor Somers (*Ancestry.com*).

Chauncey, Letha, Clifford, and Murriel Somers (*Ancestry.com*).

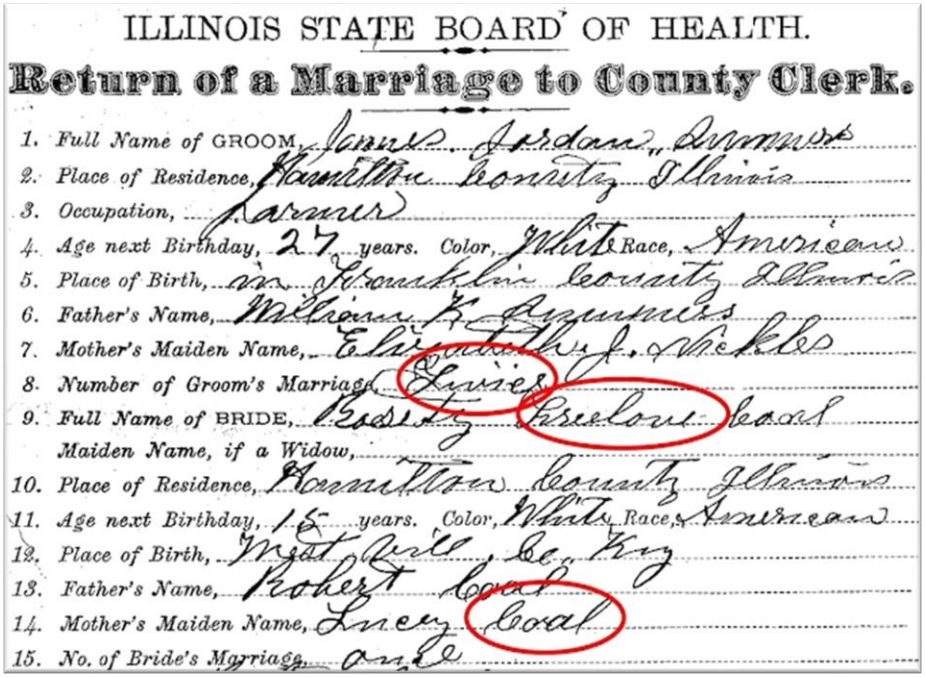
Born 15 Oct 1865 in Illinois, Frank Summers/Somers married Lelia May Saylor,[428,432] also Illinois born (on 1 Apr 1869) in Hutchinson, Kansas, 21 Mar 1889.[433,434] They farmed in Reno Co, Kansas, in Walnut Twp, near the town of Sterling in the next county north, Rice Co, where they raised four children, two daughters and two sons.[427,435] Four other children died young.[435] Living to adulthood were Chauncey Lee,[428] Fannie Letha (who aways went by "Letha"),[436] Clifford Elden,[437] and Iva Murriel (usually, just "Murriel," with multiple spellings).[438,439] By 1920, at the young age of 55, Frank and Lelia had moved to the town of Hutchinson, Kansas, where Frank was unemployed.[440] Had he retired? Maybe so, but by 1825 the family was back to farming, this time in Rice County.[438] Frank died 4 May 1929 in Rice Co, and Lelia, 31 Jan 1938 in Topeka, Kansas.[433] The couple were laid to rest in Peace Valley Cemetery, Walnut Twp, Reno Co, Kansas.[441,442]

Luetta Summers was born in Illinois, presumably in Franklin Co, on 13 Aug 1867.[443] When she was but three, her father died and within a year her mother had married again. Luetta grew up in Franklin County with her mother and stepfather, Ephraim.[344] On 17 Dec 1882 in Franklin Co, Luetta married Edmond Monroe[444] Bain.[445] Born 23 Sep 1856 to John and Mary Jane McGinnis Bain,[444,446] Edmond was somewhat older than Luetta. And he was at least partly illiterate, with zero education.[447,448] The couple raised three children, Minnie, Haley J., and Clara (two others died young), while running a Franklin County farm.[449] But Luetta died young, on 14 Sep 1909, at age 42, and was interred in Liberty-Ridlin Cemetery, Macedonia, Illinois.[443] Edmond never married again. He continued to live in Franklin County for a time, but went from farmer to farmhand.[447] And then by 1920 he was boarding, unemployed, with the family of his brother George[446] in Benton.[450] Edmond next went to Craighead Co, Arkansas, to live with his daughter Haylie and her family.[447] Widowed for almost four decades, he passed away 30 Jun 1947 at the age of 90 and was laid to rest in Clarks Chapel Cemetery, Paragould, Arkansas.[444]

Liberty-Ridlin Cemetery, where Luetta rests, lies alongside Liberty Baptist Church. (Find A Grave.

Milton E. Summers, William's last-born child, is a most difficult lad to research, primarily because he apparently died young. Only two contemporary documents record his name—the 1870 census for Eastern Twp, Franklin Co, when he was an infant in the household of his biological father,[328] and the 1880 census for Northern Twp, when he a ten-year-old living with his mother and stepfather.[344] He is not seen again. His age of "2/12" in the first census corresponds to a birthdate of Apr 1870, the same year that his father died. It is claimed by many that Milton died in 1887 around age 17, but not a single reliable source is cited.

James Jordan Summers



ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Return of a Marriage to County Clerk.

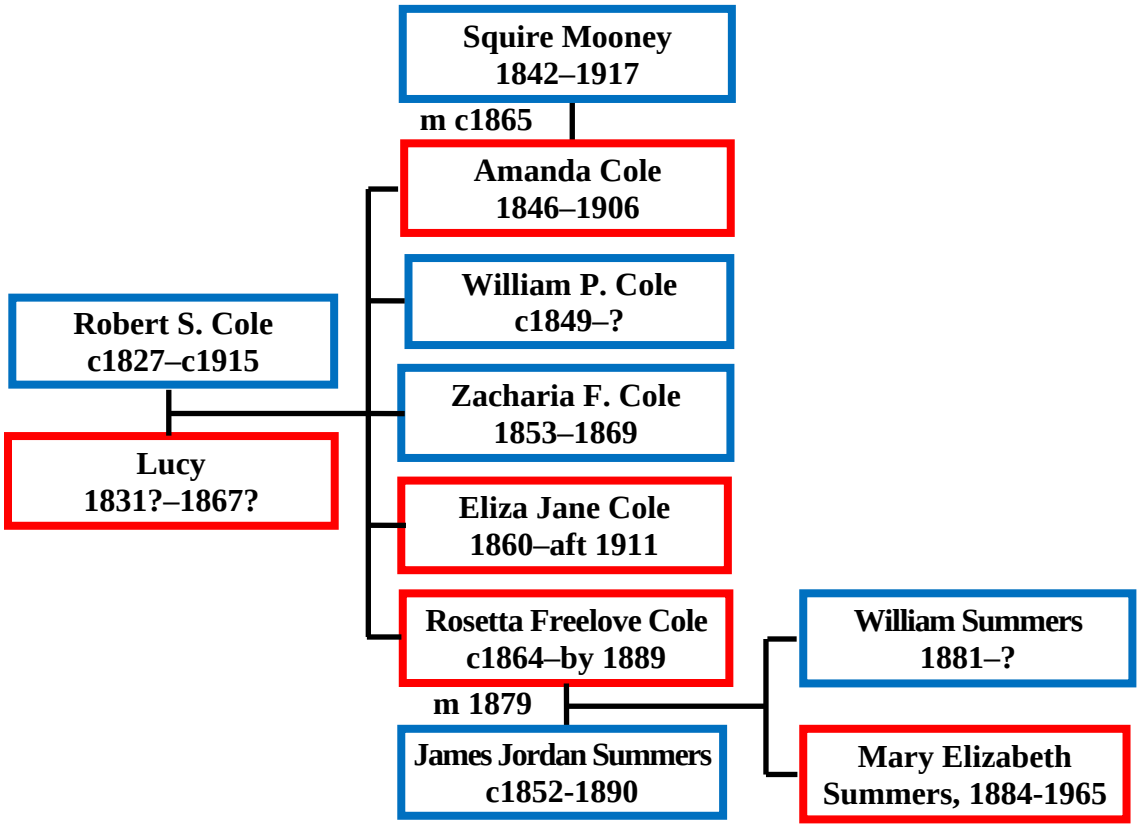
1. Full Name of GROOM, James Jordan Summers
2. Place of Residence, Hamilton County Illinois
3. Occupation, Farmer
4. Age next Birthday, 27 years. Color, White Race, American
5. Place of Birth, in Franklin County Illinois
6. Father's Name, William K. Summers
7. Mother's Maiden Name, Elizabeth J. Nickles
8. Number of Groom's Marriage, Second
9. Full Name of BRIDE, Rosety Freelove Coal
   Maiden Name, if a Widow,
10. Place of Residence, Hamilton County Illinois
11. Age next Birthday, 15 years. Color, White Race, American
12. Place of Birth, West Ville, Webster Co Ky
13. Father's Name, Robert Coal
14. Mother's Maiden Name, Lucy Coal
15. No. of Bride's Marriage, One

James lived a short life and left few descendants. He was born James Jordan Summers c1852 in Franklin Co, Illinois, according to the return record for his 25 Jul 1879 marriage in Hamilton Co, Illinois, to fifteen-year-old (or, possibly, fourteen-year-old since the marriage record supposedly gives the age at next birthday) "Rosety Freelove Coal," daughter of Robert and "Lucey Coal." [451] As seen in other records, including the marriage license,[452] his bride's name was actually "Rosetta Freelove Cole," though she often went by 'Rosety,' 'Rosa,' or 'Rosie.'[453,454] The return shows this as James's second marriage, though we know of no wife prior to Rosetta.

In 1860 Rosetta's parents were living in Webster Co, Kentucky,[455] where the marriage return, with the county name badly misspelled "West Ville," indicates that Rosetta had been born around 1864. The Coles moved to Hamilton Co, Illinois, where Rosetta's mother, Lucy, died, possibly on 22 Nov 1867 as calculated from admittedly questionable census ages[455,456] combined with the partial death date and age at death on her badly corroded marker in Ten Mile Cemetery, McLeansboro.[457] By 1870, Robert Cole had remarried (to Mary Dial),[458] and the family was living in Knights Prairie Twp, Hamilton Co, Illinois.[453] That is how Rosetta and James Summers probably met. Knights Prairie shares a border with Eastern Twp, Franklin Co, where James lived.[328]

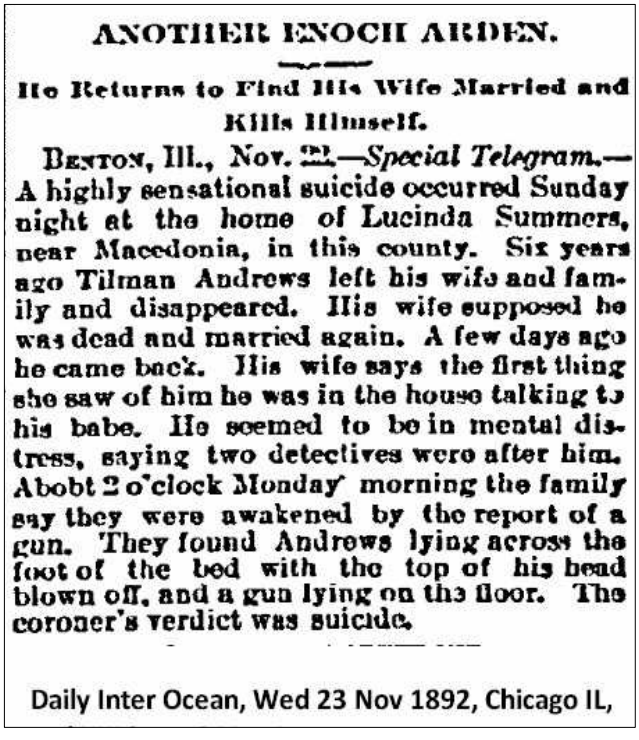
James's marriage to Rosetta was short-lived, as was apparently Rosetta, for on 30 Jan 1889 James married again.[459] But James and Rosetta had two known children, William and Mary Elizabeth, who are seen in the 1900 census for Lisman, Webster Co, Kentucky, living with their aunt and uncle Amanda and Squire (also, "Esquire") Mooney.[460] They had moved in with their mother's sister, Amanda, following the deaths of their parents. Married, Amanda had stayed behind in Webster County. when her parents moved to Illinois.[461]

Lucy's grave marker (Find A Grave).



The Coles

James Jordan's third marriage was to Mrs. Lucinda Andrews in Macedonia, Illinois.[459] Born in Illinois, c1852 to Lewis Jackson[462] and Lucretia Funkhouser[463] Russell,[464] Lucinda had been previously married, to Tillman Andrew on 23 Jan 1870 in White Co, Illinois.[465] Though early records give Tillman's last name as "Andrew," he eventually became "Andrews," the name used by Tillman and Lucinda's six children: William, Lewis (also Louis) Robert, Thomas B., Lawrence, Nora, and Anna Mae.[466,467,468] And this brings us to a strange incident, covered by newspapers throughout the country.[469]



ANOTHER ENOCH ARDEN.

He Returns to Find His Wife Married and Kills Himself.

BENTON, Ill., Nov. 22.—*Special Telegram.*—A highly sensational suicide occurred Sunday night at the home of Lucinda Summers, near Macedonia, in this county. Six years ago Tilman Andrews left his wife and family and disappeared. His wife supposed he was dead and married again. A few days ago he came back. His wife says the first thing she saw of him he was in the house talking to his babe. He seemed to be in mental distress, saying two detectives were after him. About 2 o'clock Monday morning the family say they were awakened by the report of a gun. They found Andrews lying across the foot of the bed with the top of his head blown off, and a gun lying on the floor. The coroner's verdict was suicide.

Daily Inter Ocean, Wed 23 Nov 1892, Chicago IL,

About 1886 Tillman left his family and disappeared. After a couple of years, Lucinda decided that Tillman was dead and married James Jordan Summers. But Tillman was not deceased. Around November 1892 he returned home, claimed that detectives were after him, and committed suicide by a gunshot. He is said to be buried in Macedonia, Hamilton Co, Illinois.[470] His death made newspaper articles nationwide, many titled "Another Enoch Arden," for reasons the reader should be able to determine. A following section relates much more about the mysterious Tillman.

James Jordan Summers's last marriage was even shorter than his previous. James died young, around age 38, on 14 May 1890 according to "Betsy" Summers, the widow of his grandson Michael Franklin.[471] That both Betsy and Michael were born decades after James Jordan's death, however, makes the date highly suspect. Nevertheless, it appears that the marriage began and ended while Tillman was absent. But the short marriage did produce a child, John William Summers. Born 4 Sep 1889, John almost certainly had no memory of his father.[472]

Twice widowed, Lucinda was married one more time, to John H. Cozart on 8 Sep 1894 in Franklin County.[473] John was a widower with at least eight children, the youngest, Lurilla, born 22 Jan 1881.[474,475] But when he married Lucinda, he added five-year-old John William Summers to the family, as well as several children from Lucinda's first marriage and James Jordan's marriage to Rosetta Cole. On 12 Nov 1895 John received Franklin County court letters of guardianship for the two youngest of Tillman's children, Nora and Anna Andrews.[476] Within days, on 25 Nov 1895, Cozart filed for minor's pensions for the two girls based on Tillman's Civil War service. Nora and Anna Mae were the only two of Tillman and Lucinda's six children eligible. The others were too old. The Pension Act of 14 July 1862 made Civil War pensions available to widows, children under 16 years of age, and disabled veterans. Widows who remarried, as Lucinda had, were no longer eligible. Eventually, the claim was abandoned. The pursuit, which was complicated, time-consuming, and expensive, may have ended with Lucinda's death and thus Cozart's loss of interest. Besides, any pensions would end when the girls reached sixteen.

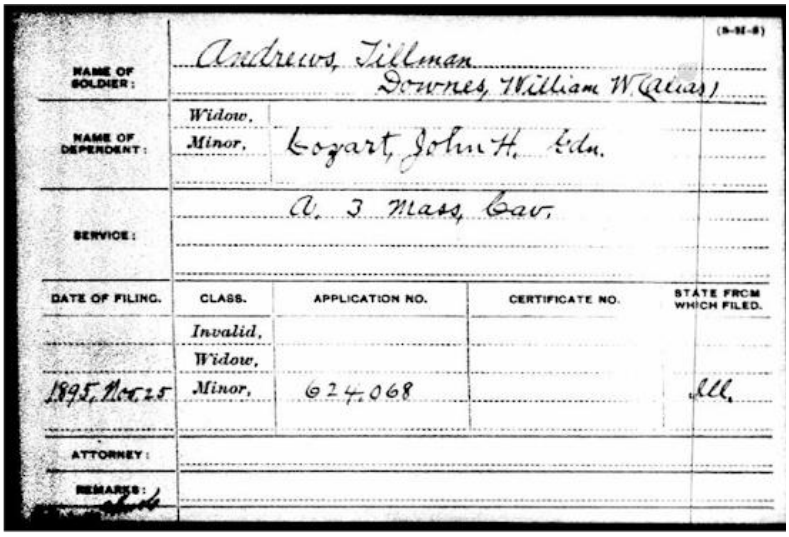
Like her first two husbands, Lucinda also led a short life, dying around age 45, sometime after 14 Nov 1896, when her brother George provided an affidavit for Cozart's pension application stating "Lucinda Andrews, now Cozart is his affiants sister. . ."[476] But Lucinda died by the time of the 1900 Franklin County census, which shows John Cozart to be widowed.[477] In that census John is living with his new wife, Ellen J. Hatchett, who he married in Franklin County on 2 Jun 1900.[478] Why is he shown as widowed rather than married in the 1900 census? Because the official starting date for that census was 1 Jun 1900. Anything happening after that date—marriages, children born, people dying—was not included in the enumeration.

Tillman Andrew

At this point, we need to deviate from our primary story to unravel a little of the mysteries of Tillman Andrews. Tillman's origins are a conundrum. Census records show that he was born c1844 in Maryland,[479,466] The Illinois Roll of Honor, a secondary database maintained by the State of Illinois showing residents who served in the military, claims that Tillman Andrews served in the Maryland infantry during the Civil War;[470] however, no reliable records of this service are found. Although the database is now maintained by the State of Illinois, it was gifted to the State by Fred Delap of Kansas, Illinois. The Civil War entries are said to have come from the *Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Illinois*; however, the name "Tillman Andrew" or any variant does not appear in any of the eight volumes of the adjutant general's report. The creator of the database is now deceased.

Tillman's parentage is unknown. He is sometimes said to be Tilman D. Andrew, born in Maryland c1845 to Richard and Rebecca Andrew;[480] however, that person is known to have moved to California, where he married in 1872,[481] lived,[482] and died in 1911.[483] That his death certificate shows his parents to be Richard and Rebecca confirms that the Tilman who died in California was Tilman D. Andrew of Maryland.

And this brings us to a final Tillman mystery. The index for John Cozart's application for minor's pension states that Tillman Andrews served with the 3rd Regiment, Massachusetts Cavalry, not the Maryland infantry, which is shown in the Illinois Role of Honor.[484] And much more mysterious is that the index states that Tillman had an alias—William W. Downes!


NAME OF SOLDIER: Andrews, Tillman. Downes, William W. (alias)
NAME OF DEPENDENT: Widow, Minor. Cozart, John H. Gdn.
SERVICE: A. 3 Mass. Cav.

DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
	Invalid,			
	Widow,			
1895. Nov. 25	Minor,	624,068		Ill.

ATTORNEY:
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Tillman had an alias!

Civil War service records[485] show that there was a William Downs/Downes (records show both spellings) of Delaware, who enlisted on 22 June 1864 at Holyoke, Massachusetts, in the 3rd Regiment of the Massachusetts Cavalry with an approximate year of birth based on his age, of 1843, very

near that of Tillman Andrew. For signing up William received $25 of a $100 enlistment bounty, with $75 to be paid at a later date, plus $13 for one-month's pay in advance. Bounties were given out to attract recruits by both the Union and the Confederacy. On his enlistment papers, William signed his name with a mark. As was Tillman,[466,479] William was illiterate.

The pension file for Cozart's minors support application provides William's military history and the investigation of his connection to Tillman Andrew.[476] On 21 June 1865, after exactly one-year's service as a private in Company A of the 3rd Massachusetts Volunteer Cavalry, William went AWOL in St. Louis, while the regiment was enroute from Winchester, Massachusetts, to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, travel that would have taken them through central Illinois. Might he have believed that he had only enlisted for one year? The Enrollment Act of 3 March 1863 specified a bounty of $300 for 3-year enlistments, but William had been awarded only $100. Then, a month after going AWOL, William was declared a deserter. During the Civil War, desertion was rampant. Out of a little more than two million men, the Union Army had over 200,000 deserters, with some estimates going as high as 280,000. Ten percent or more of Union soldiers deserted! But despite the large numbers (or because of them), punishment could be severe with jailtime or even execution. That threat could certainly have caused the missing William to adopt an alias ("Tillman Andrew"?).

On 5 Jul 1884, the U.S. 48th Congress passed a bill removing the charge of desertion for volunteer soldiers who had served until 1 May 1865 and had served for six months or more prior to that date. William's desertion charge was dropped and his discharge date was officially made 21 June 1865, the date he went missing.

On 25 Oct 1895, Lucinda Andrews, widow of "Wm. W. Downes," received his arrears of pay to include the discharge date of 21 June 1865. We do not know the date she claimed the money, nor why the record shows her as "Lucinda Andrews," not "Lucinda Summers" or "Lucinda Cozart." Perhaps she applied for the settlement when she believed Tillman to be dead, but before she married James Jordan Summers. Death would have been difficult to "prove," explaining a long waiting period.

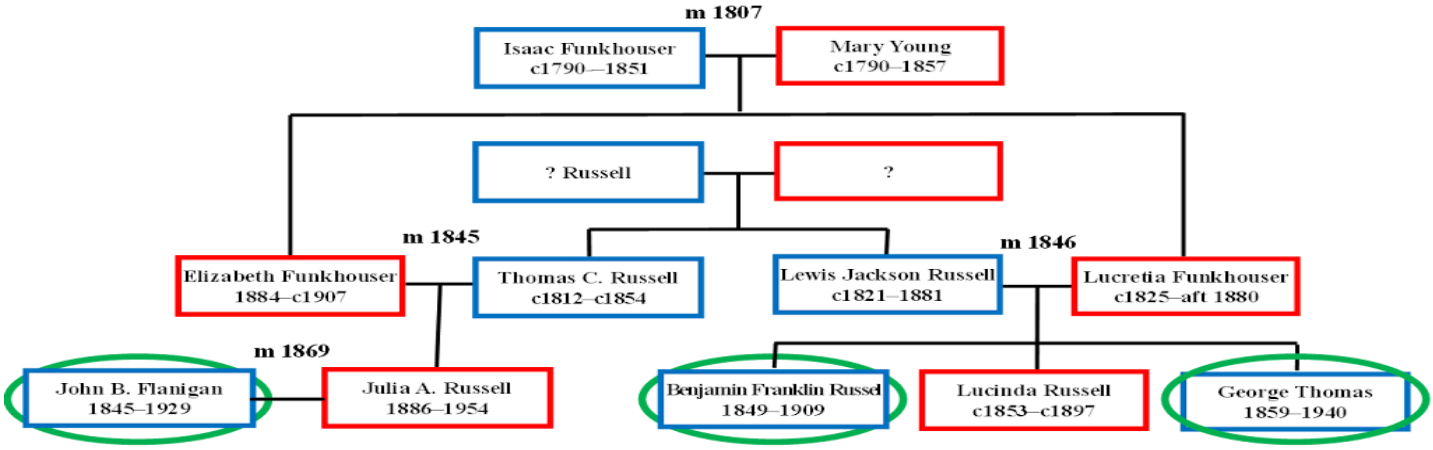
The payment record states "claim was allowed on satisfactory evidence of claimants heirs wife and soldier's celibacy." The phrase "soldier's celibacy," seen in a few other Civil War pension records, may mean that that William had no other wives who could be claimants. That there was "satisfactory evidence" that Lucinda was the widow of William W. Downes is startling. She received the back pay a month before 25 Nov 1895, the date that her third husband, John Cozart, applied for support of Tillman's children. Nearly all the large National Archives pension file concerns Cozart's claim and documents the extensive investigation to prove that William Downs and Tillman Andrew were the same person, that Tillman was dead, that Tillman was actually Lucinda's husband, etc. And that investigation was done after someone in Washington had already decided that Lucinda was William's widow. But records of that inquiry (if there was one) have yet to be found.

And what was provided to connect Tillman and William Downs for the minors pension application? Evidence that Tillman served under the name "William Downs/Downes" was provided by affidavits of four men: George T. Russell, B. F. Russell, John B. Flanigan, and A. U. Whiffin. All four claimed that they had personally known Tillman Andrews and that he told them that he had served during the Civil War in Co. A of the 3rd Massachusetts Cavalry under the name William Downs.

One witness, George Russell, claimed that in 1886 or 1887 he saw Tillman apply for bounty, stating that his military name was William Downes and that he had served in Company A, Massachusetts 3rd Cavalry. Of course, being illiterate (he signed his affidavit with a mark), George could not have possibly read what was in Tillman's application. Moreover, a bounty request makes no sense. Bounty lands were not awarded to Civil War veterans and William had already received his enlistment bounty. But even if misconstrued, an application would show that authorities knew of Tillman's alias well before his death in 1892.

There are suspicions about the affidavits of the four men. First, three of the witnesses were related to Lucinda, Tillman's widow. Two were her brothers Benjamin Franklin[486] Russell and George Thomas[487] Russell[464,488] and one was the husband of her first cousin Julia A. Russell.[489] A daughter of both a Russell and a Funkhouser, Julia was Lucinda's cousin by two different paths.[490,491] And the family was obviously looking out for Lucinda. In his deposition for the pension file, George Russell stated that his sister "owns 80 acres . . all very thin poor land" and that she had debts including an $85 mortgage on her property.

Of course, one would expect information about a person to best come from relatives. And British-born Whiffin had no known connection with Lucinda. But one must also be concerned about the characters of the witnesses. In the pension file a witness said that George was "not verry good" and his brother B. F., only "some better." On the other hand, John Flanigan was said to be "of good standing" and truthful.

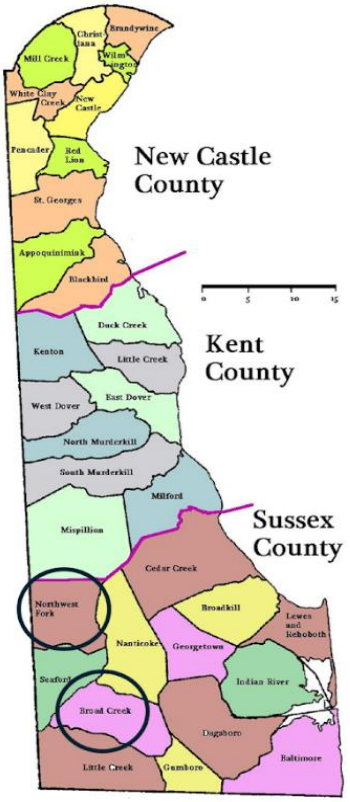


Russell connectons. Pension file witnesses are circled.

Another concern is that the depositions of the four witnesses are too consistent. What are the odds that anyone would remember the exact name of the unit in which Tillman served from conversations at least ten years earlier? The consistency indicates that the witnesses had exchanged information before giving depositions. But that might be expected even if all was factual.

Nevertheless, despite these bothersome points, one must conclude from the Pension Bureau investigation that Tillman Andrew and William W. Downs were indeed the same person. But who was that person? Was he born "Tillman Andrew" or "William Downs"? Which was the alias? Might they both be aliases? The name "Tillman/Tilman/Tilghman Andrew/Andrews is relatively rare. With limited research one can eliminate, one by one. all individuals in the 1850 and/or 1860 censuses with one of those names and having a birth year anywhere around 1844. On the other hand, several William Downs/Downes prove to be candidates.

The most likely is William, son of William and Caroline Downs, who was living in Sussex Co, Delaware, in 1850.[492] Born in Maryland around 1844, the younger William cannot be located after 1850. Of course he could have died, but he also could have joined the Army and later changed his name. His Maryland birthplace matches that claimed by Tillman in federal censuses,[466,479] and his Delaware childhood could explain the listing of Delaware as William's birthplace in at least one Army record and as their father's birthplace for Tillman's children in some census records. And there is a final indicator. Living in the same county as the William and Caroline Downs family was the Tilman D. Andrew mentioned earlier as a disproved candidate for our Tillman.[480] Tilman D.'s family lived in Northwest Fork Hundred and William's family lived in Broad Creek Hundred, two townships (essentially what they were) only fifteen miles apart. William Downs may have chosen the name of a childhood acquaintance as an alias.



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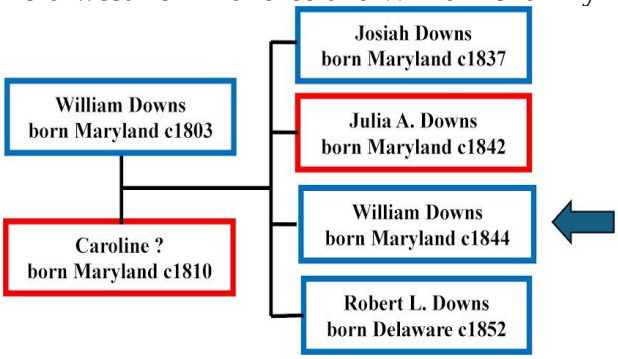
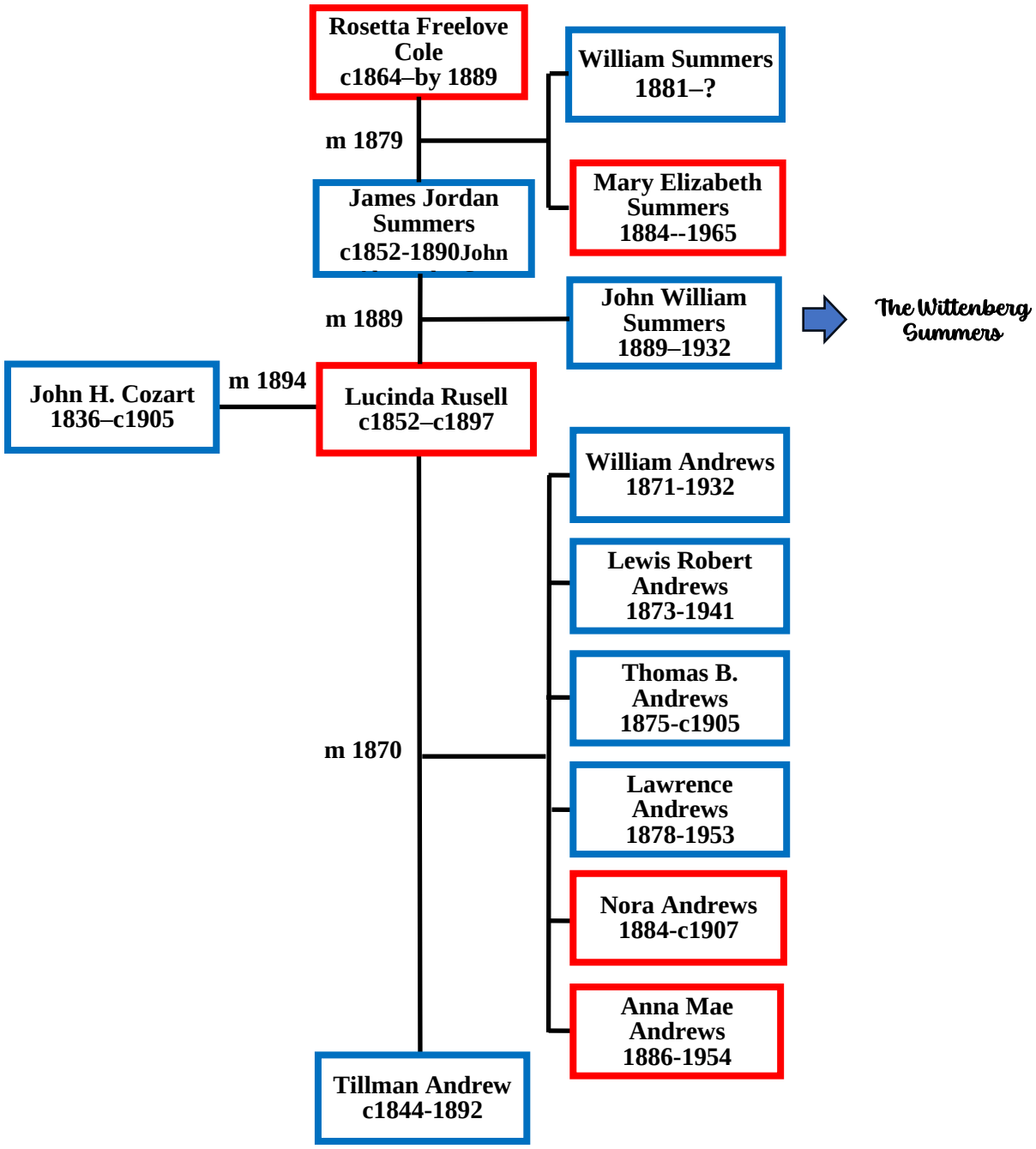

William Downs born Maryland c1803
Caroline ? born Maryland c1810
Josiah Downs born Maryland c1837
Julia A. Downs born Maryland c1842
William Downs born Maryland c1844
Robert L. Downs born Delaware c1852

If "Tillman Andrew" was actually William Downs of Sussex Co, Delaware, Tillman's parentage is shown below.[492,493] Almost no documented research and few reliable records are found for the family, which censuses indicate may

have been illiterate, fragmented, and low-income. And the father's surname is said by some (without citing evidence) to have actually been "Thomas." But that is just the sort of family that might include someone ready to take on an alias. That William Downs of Sussex was the William Downs of the Massachusetts Cavalry remains unproved, but it seems likely.

James Jordan's and Lucinda's Children



James Jordan Summers had only three known children—William, Mary Elizabeth, and John William Sr. That the first and last born both had "William" as part of their name is a little disconcerting.

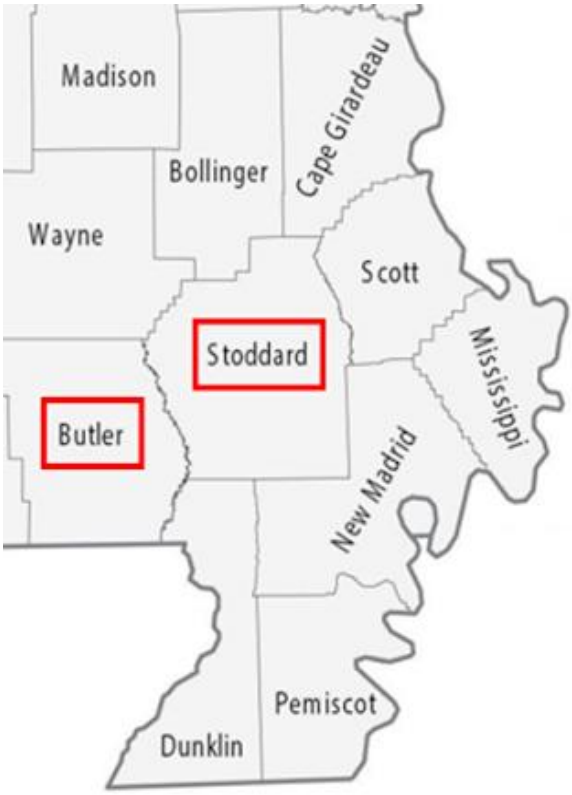
We know almost nothing about William Summers, who is found in the 1900 census as a nephew living with Amanda and Squire Mooney and is never seen again.[460] That census gives his date of birth as Oct 1881 with Kentucky as his unexpected birthplace, though censuses are notoriously inaccurate. But we also have letters from Judy Somers (see p. 42) stating that an abstract of title to land from William K. Summers's estate notes that James J. Summers had children William and Mary.[430]

We have much more information about James Jordan's second child. Born 23 Oct 1884, in McLeansboro, Hamilton Co, Illinois,[454] Mary Elizabeth Summers lived only briefly with her aunt and uncle following the deaths of her parents. On 16 Nov 1900 she married William David[494] Keller in Henderson Co, Kentucky, a marriage that ended in divorce in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1910.[495,496] Mary next married Joseph Eich in Knox Co, Indiana, 5 Nov 1917,[497] and when Joseph died on 13 Jan 1944,[498] she married Albert Granville[499] Craig in 1948.[500] Mary died 22 Dec 1965 in Vincennes, Indiana.[501] Despite three marriages, Mary Elizabeth had but a single surviving child, Carlus Clinton[502] Keller, a product of her first marriage.[503]

Since much of John William Summers's earlier life was spent associated with Tillman's children, his half siblings, we need to look at them before detailing John's story.

By the time that Lucinda died, some of her orphaned descendants were no longer children. Tillman and Lucinda's three oldest were married, all in Franklin Co, Illinois—William Andrews to Hester Hutchcraft on 5 Jun 1894,[504] Lewis Robert Andrews to Nancy[505] Ella Kerney on 11 Jul 1895,[506] and Thomas B. Andrews to Marjorie M. Waller on 3 Dec 1896.[507] In 1900 the three youngest Andrews—Lawrence, Nora Andrews, and Anna Mae—were living with their brother Lewis Robert Andrews and his family in Northern Twp, Franklin County.[468] Also living with Lewis Robert in 1900 was his half brother, ten-year-old John William Summers, the youngest of all the offspring. That John William was taken in by Lewis was probably the reason that John and his future wife, Verne, maintained contacts throughout their lives with Tillman's children and grandchildren. And many of John and Verne's descendants did the same.

Albert and Mary Elizabeth Craig. (Courtesy of Katharyne Silva Belew.)



Destination Missouri

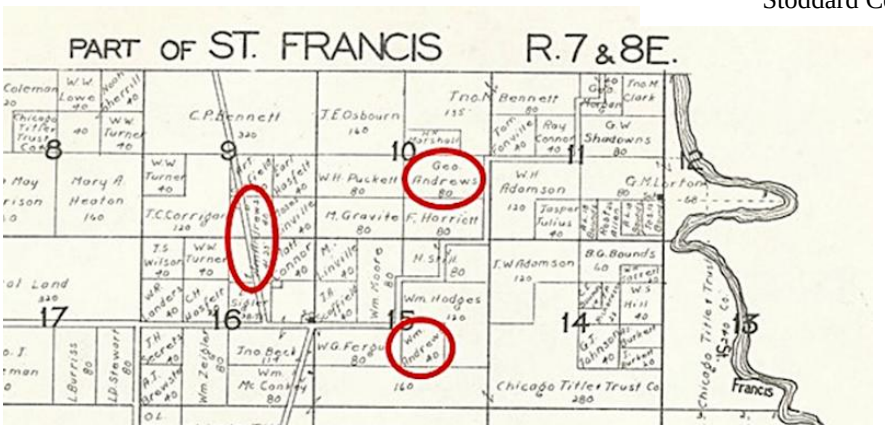
Between 1906, when their son Coy was born in Illinois,[508] and 1908, when their son Millard was born in Asherville, Missouri,[505] Lewis and Nancy Andrews moved to Stoddard Co, where they were living in 1910 with their eight children (two more would be born)[509] in Duck Creek Twp.[510] Lewis and Nancy had 162 acres, just south of the little unincorporated community of Asherville.[511]

Accompanying Lewis and Nancy on their trip to Missouri were two of their 1900 Franklin County "tenants"—Anna Mae Andrews, who married Edward Lee Metcalf in Asherville 24 Jun 1908,[512] and John William Summers, who was boarding in Puxico, Stoddard Co, Missouri in 1910.[513]

William Andrews, the oldest of Tillman's children, also headed to Missouri. There, he and his wife, Hester, settled in St. Francis Twp, Butler Co, just across the St. Francis River from Duck Creek Twp, where his brother was living.[514] And there they raised five kids, George, Hobart, Martha, Opal and Golda.[514,515]

Lewis's brother Lawrence, who had also lived with Lewis and Nancy after the death of his parents, took a detour through Arkansas. There, on 6 Nov 1909 in Clay Co, where he was residing at the time, he married Martha E. Waller[516] (first cousin of Marjorie Waller, wife of Lawrence's brother Thomas). He and Martha later traveled to Stoddard Co, where they were living in Duck Creek Twp in 1920.[517] But Lawrence didn't stick it out. By 1930 he had returned to Illinois, to Union County.[518] And by 1940 he was joined there by brother Lewis and most of Lewis's kids.[519] The Depression likely caused their exodus. When Stoddard County lumber companies collapsed, small landholders were saddled with the debt of unpaid bonds for draining overflow lands.[520]

Lewis Robert Andrews's Duck Creek Twp. land. (Plat book of Stoddard County, Missouri, Hixson and Company, 1930.)

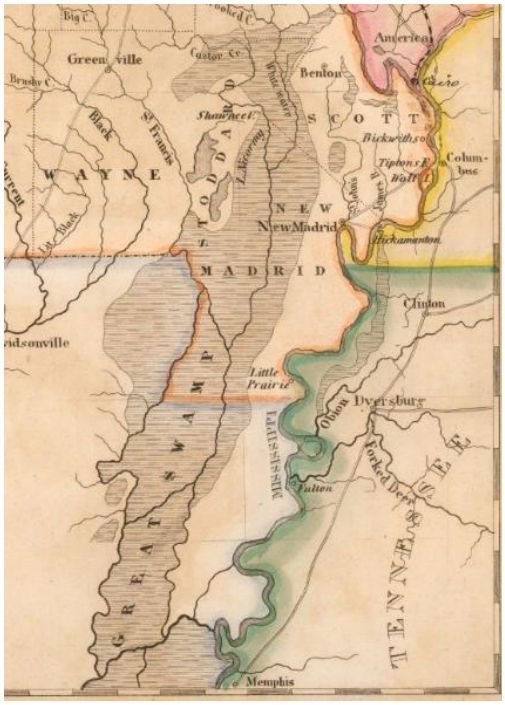


In 1930 William Andrews and his son George were living in St. Francis Twp, Butler Co, just west of the St. Francis River (*Plat book of Butler County, Missouri*, Hixson and Company, 1930).

Two of the Andrews siblings never made it to Missouri, Nora and Thomas. Nora Andrews, who married Joseph E. Young in McLeansboro, Hamilton Co, Illinois, 14 Jan 1904,[521] died between 6 Jan 1906, when her daughter Dorothy Lee Young was born in Carmi, White Co, Illinois,[522,523] and 1908, when a contract was made by Nora's husband, Joseph, for Nora's sister Anna Mae to care for and eventually adopt Dorothy.[524] Dorothy ended up in Stoddard County with her Aunt Anna.[525]

And Thomas B. Andrews is last seen in Black Twp, Posey Co, Indiana, where, in 1900, he was living with his wife, Marjorie, and his only known child, Harvey John.[526,527] Thomas may have died there for his presumed widow married William Lewis Copeland in Franklin Co, Illinois in Jan 1910.[528]

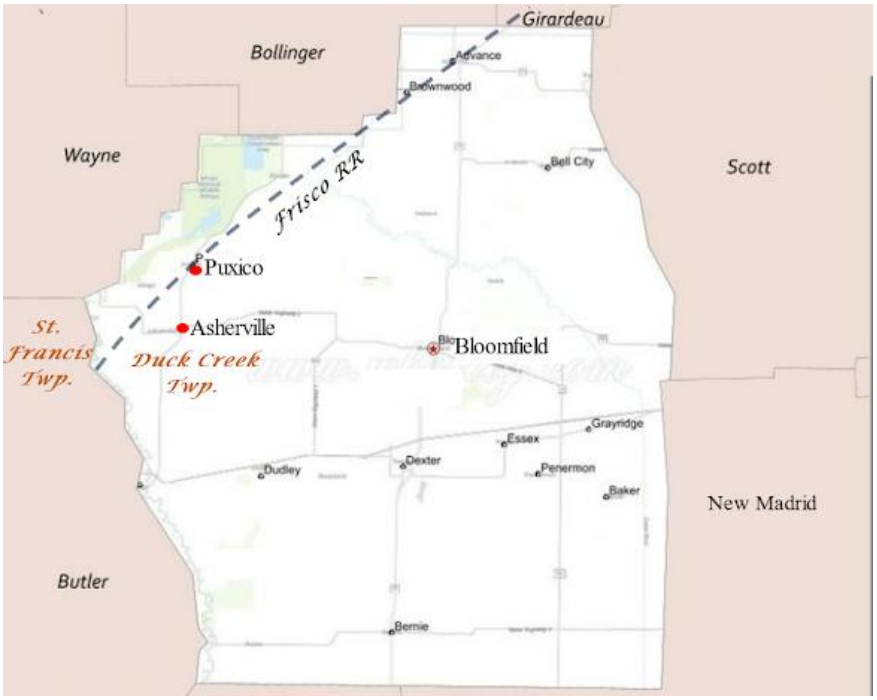
What drew the Andrews family to Southeast Missouri? The area, which contained large tracts of swampy, forested bottomlands, was once a vast wilderness of cypress and tupelo. The area has been described as a northern part of the Mississippi River delta, "a howling wilderness of swamps and marshes and lakes."[529] The Federal Swamp Act of 1850 sought to solve the problem by selling swamp land to the states, which in turn sold it to counties for final sale to individuals. Stoddard County land prices became incredibly low, and that may have



1845 map of Missouri Bootheel with the "Great Swamp" filling much of Stoddard Co, Joseph Meyer, Hildburghausen, Germany.

attracted the brothers William, Lewis Robert, and Lawrence Andrews. Farming was difficult until the swamps were finally drained in the 1920s and 1930s, but timber harvesting was highly profitable. The Andrews claimed to be farmers, but they may have relied on income from timber.

The brothers would have felt at home in Stoddard Co, whose society and politics resembled those of Franklin and Hamilton counties in Illinois, where their Andrews family originated. Many of the inhabitants in the Bootheel area of Missouri were from southern states and had states' rights leanings and conservative views.



Stoddard County

During the Civil War, 623 Stoddard residents had joined the Confederate military, while only a little over 200 had joined Union units. The region was the home of Confederate sympathizers and guerilla bands, which Union forces tried to dislodge. The ensuing battles, often occurring in muddy swamps and swollen streams, were neighbor against neighbor, and kin against kin, with atrocities committed by both sides. The Battle of Mingo Swamp, which occurred on 4 Feb 1863 just north of Puxico, was the bloodiest battle in Southeast Missouri. Family feuds between combatants continued for decades after the war.

And like Franklin Co, Illinois, the Missouri Bootheel had significant Klan activity following the war (and again in the 1920s).[530] Missouri had been a slave state, and racial intolerance continued. A 1910 edition of the *Dexter Statesman* newspaper announced favorably that Stoddard had "no saloons, no negroes."[531] "No saloons" is a stretch, though saloons certainly had a lot of competition. Moonshining and bootlegging were common in the Bootheel. And there was an accompanying tendency towards lawlessness.

Mingo Swamp, just north of Puxico, is typical of the overflow lands that once covered much of Stoddard and Butler counties (USFWS).

John William Summers Sr.

Despite providing little cultural, economic, or societal improvement over "Little Egypt," Southeastern Missouri turned out to be highly rewarding for John William Summers. Stoddard County was where John began his lifelong career with the Frisco Railway and where he met his future wife, Verne Cumi Crabtree.

In 1848 not a single mile of railroad track could be found in the entire state of Missouri. The following year saw the chartering of its first railway, the Pacific, which opened five miles of track from St. Louis to Cheltenham in 1852. Following a promising start, Missouri railroad construction soon slowed down due to the panic of 1857 and was stopped completely by the Civil War.

Missouri railroad construction took off again in 1865, at war's end, and became rampant in the Bootheel area, a region of swampy, but productive, timberlands whose product was used for railroad ties and barrel staves. In 1883, Louis Houck, a lawyer who became a railroad entrepreneur (though a rather unskilled railroad operator), extended his Cape Girardeau Southwestern Railroad through the swamps from what is today the town of Advance to Puxico, which was platted that year by Louis and his brother George.[532,520] The following year, Puxico was incorporated as a village. Its position in the center of the timber industry of T. J. Moss, a large tie contractor, made it an important railroad stop. By 1888, Moss, who had acquired 40,000 acres of Stoddard timberland, became the largest tie contractor in Missouri. In 1902 the Cape Girardeau Southwestern Railroad line through Puxico was sold by Houck to the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Company (the "Frisco"), and became Frisco's Hoxie Branch.[533] And then John William Summers arrived in Stoddard County.

By 1910, 20-year-old John Summers had a room in a Puxico boarding house, about five miles north of Asherville, where his half-brother Lewis Andrews was living.[513] John had moved to Puxico after being employed as a laborer with the Frisco Railroad.[534]

Another Stoddard County person with connections to the Frisco in 1910 was Cass B Crabtree, who was working as an express shipping manager, while living with his mother and father on a farm outside town.[535] Not a Frisco employee, Cass used the railroad for his express deliveries. Born in Puxico 20 May 1884 with the name "Cason Lee,"[536] he took the name "Cass B," for unknown reasons, and treated the "B" not as an initial, but as his middle name. His signature was sometimes written with quotation marks around the "B" to show it was his name, not his initial, and it was even entered on some official documents that way.[537] According to family members, that caused no end of confusion to clerks and other record keepers.

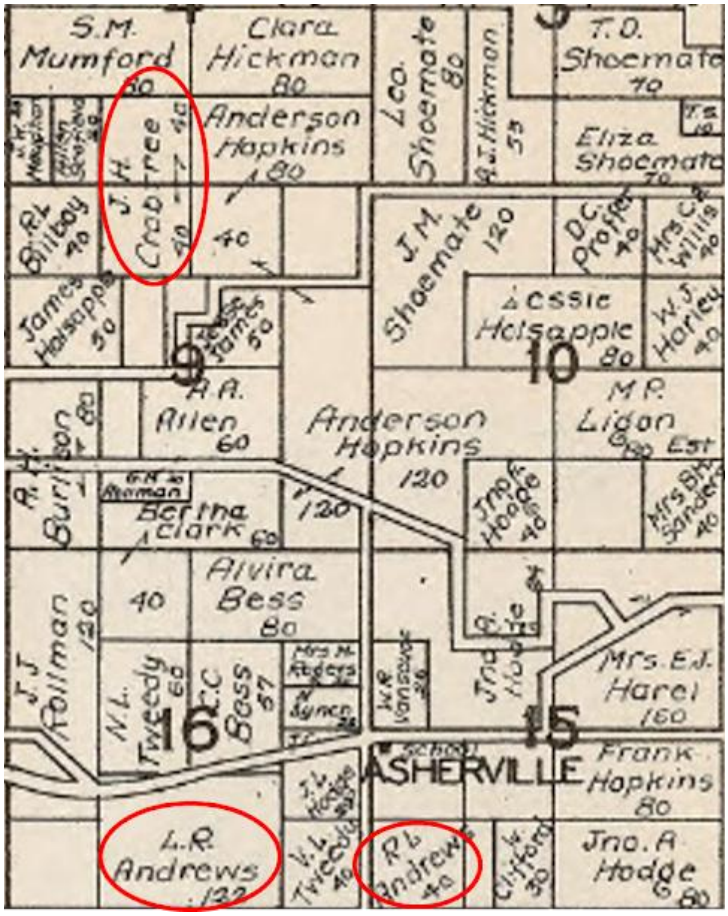
Puxico, c1900.

Frisco Station, Puxico, c1902 (Facebook, Puxico, MO).

John and Cass met, either due to their railroad connection or because Crabtree and Andrews family members were neighbors in the Asherville area. According to descendants, John was invited by Cass to have dinner with his family. And at that dinner, John Summers met Cass's sister Verne. You can guess what happened next.

Verne Crabtree (Mary Frances Tapscott collection).

On 3 Feb 1911 Verne and John obtained a marriage license in Poplar Bluff, Missouri,[538] and were married two days later in Asherville, which both had listed as their home.[539] Verne's brother, John Henry Crabtree,[540] a farmer and Baptist minister,[541,542] likely conducted the wedding.



John H. Crabtree lived near Asherville and Lewis Andrews. (Plat book, Stoddard Co, Missouri, 1930.)

Verne and John William Summers, 1911 (Mary Frances Tapscott collection).

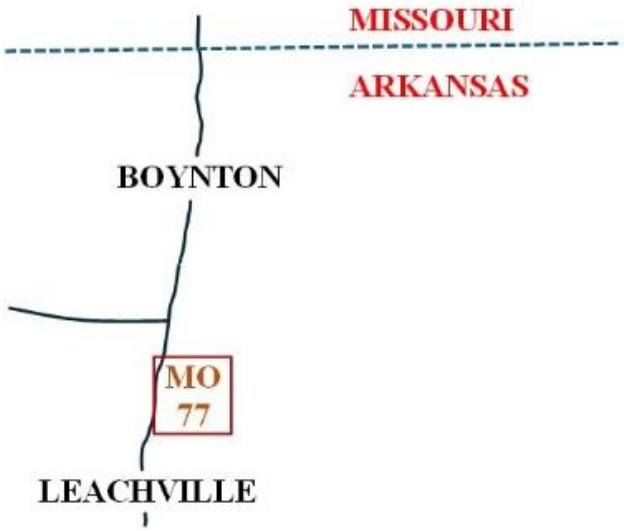
John Henry lived near the Andrews and officiated at many Duck Creek weddings, including those of his brothers Cass B on 6 Aug 1911[543] (the same year his sister Verne was married), Charles Dillard Crabtree on 8 May 1915,[544] and George Franklin Crabtree on 20 Jul 1910.[545] Actually John Henry Crabtree's home, a mile or two north of the tiny community of Asherville was used for at least some of his "Asherville" weddings.[544] With just a hundred or so residents and no church, most weddings described as being in Asherville were likely just near it.

For the next twenty-two years John William and Verne Crabtree Summers would follow Frisco job assignments from station to station in Missouri and Arkansas—Puxico; Boynton, Delta, Malden, Wittenberg, Pocahontas.

On 20 Apr 1966, the last Frisco train pulled out of Puxico.[520]

The Frisco

Despite the name, John William Summers's employer, the Saint Louis and San Francisco Railroad, the "Frisco," was a line that never went near San Francisco. The "Frisco" operated primarily in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma, although a portion of the 5000 miles of track also lay in Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, and Texas. Headquartered in Springfield Missouri, the Frisco was incorporated on 6 Sep 1876.[546]



Verne and John William lived only briefly as a married couple in Stoddard County. By August of 1911 John was working as a Frisco station agent in Boynton, Arkansas.[547] Quite a jump from laborer to agent.

Boynton, once located along Arkansas State Route 77 due north of Leachville and about a mile south of the Missouri state line, no longer exists. The last remnants disappeared in the mid 1970's. At one time there was a store, a few houses, a water tower, a school, and a post office, which operated from 1900 to 1923. It also had a station for the St. Louis and Gulf Branch of the Frisco.[548,549] And it was probably where John and Verne's first child, Mildred Katherine, was born.[550]

Shortly after he arrived in Boynton, John wrote a most interesting letter to a Shawneetown, Illinois, attorney, Mack Kinsoll.[547] The letter, damaged and difficult to read, was last in the possession of Betsy Summers, wife of Michael Summers, John and Verne's son.

Boynton, Ark., 8/19 1911[unclear]
Mr. Mack Kinsoll
Att. at Law
Shawneytown [sic], *Ill.*

Dear Sir.

I have a case in Franklin County Ill, and you have been Recommended to me as a good Lawyer. And I would like to give you the case if you want it I will state the case and you can have an Idea of it.

My Mother Mrs. Lucinda Andrews at that time, Bought a piece of land from A- U- Whiffin of Macedonia Ill. Lying Near that place on Benton & McLeansboro road Same was deeded to her and her children (not hers) as deeds are commonly shown up. Now the older children have cut me, my Half Sister Mrs. Ed Metcalf of Asherville Mo and her older sister out (of 1-40 only). On this plea, we were formed when the deeds were Made. Now this enough to give you an Idea. So if you want the case write me and I will furnish any additional Information I am able to render also Say what Percent you want out of the case. You accepting Some on the Insurance plan. There is 80 acres of this Land and 7 children so there will be Two whole shares and ½ also back rent. The land sold for $5000 per acre last fall but is worth and will sell for $7500 for it is in the cool [coal?] belt Making in round numbers about $1500 Case. You understand I am a Half Brother to the Andrew Children

although they cut their youngest sister out of all and the other one out of 1 forty. One of the boys Monopolized the whole thing and sold it Last fall and gave a warranty deed. He Made Me several small offers to sign a quit claim deed but I refused. Please investigate this case in the deeds if it is one and tell me if you can win the case. Also tell me how much time I have to take action in as I am 21 Past.

Please give this [damaged unreadable] *consideration* [damaged unreadable] answering.

Resp
J. W. Summers
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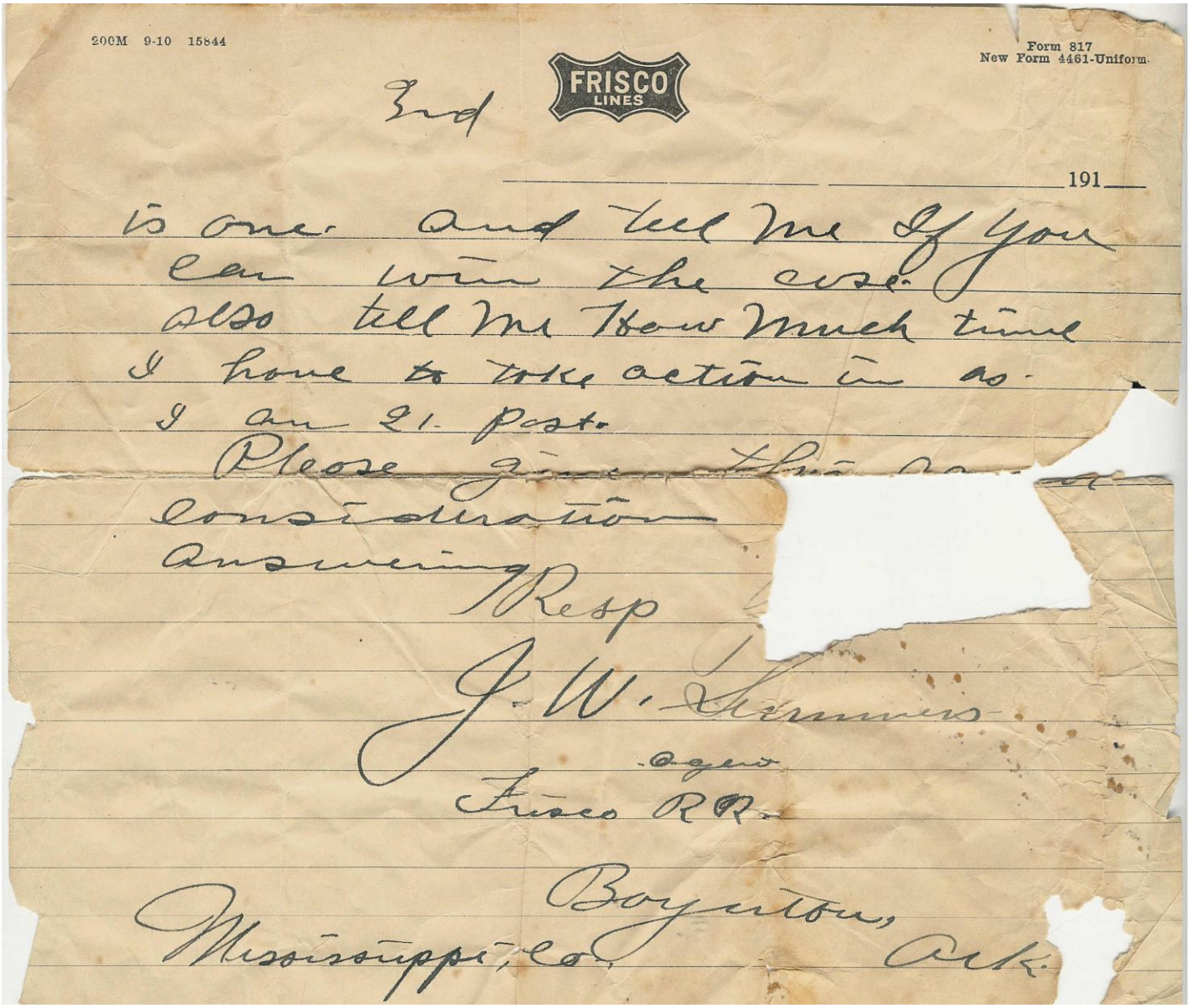


Final page of John Summers's letter to Attorney Kinsoll. (Eloise Summers Archives.)

The letter raises some questions. First, the value of $7500 per acre is ridiculously high and totally inaccurate. The actual value might be as high as $7500 for the entire 80 acres. It may be that a decimal point was omitted, or is not visible in the existing copy of the letter. A value of $75.00 per acre is possible though not at all likely. Lucinda did indeed have seven children, though two (Thomas and Nora Andrews) were deceased when the letter was written. But the heirs of the two deceased children could still receive rights to the property. Confusing about this letter is that the older sister of "Mrs. Ed Metcalf," Nora Andrews, who had died by 1910, is discussed as though she were still living. Also confusing is that according to family members, it was Thomas R. Shaw, husband of Lucinda's sister Nancy,[551] who absconded with Lucinda's farmland that should have gone to Anna Andrews and John Summers.[552] Of course, that may have been a different family conflict.

Did John sue the older Andrews offspring and was the suit successful? We don't know. No records exist showing any further action by John. Although John was very close to his half sister Anna Mae Andrews, he seemed a little distant from his male Andrew half siblings. Some relatives have said this was due to the difference in ages, but more likely ill feelings arose owing to his plans to sue them so that he and Anna Mae could obtain shares of land left by his mother, Lucinda.

John's next posting by the Frisco was in Delta. Missouri, where he was the telegrapher.[553] The town was about fifteen miles from Illmo, Missouri, where the family was living by 1913, when the second child, Dale Winston was born.[554] Nearby Delta only had 175 inhabitants in 1910, but it was crossed by four railroads on three lines: the Frisco's Nash line, an Iron Mountain and Southern branch line, and the busy Cotton Belt line. It is claimed that the village was named "Delta" because the railroad intersection formed the Greek letter delta.[555]

A Frisco track also ran through Illmo, but the town had no railroad station until 1919, when a station was built.[556] But John Summers and his family had moved on by that time, though they were still there in 1915 when their third child, Anna Marguerite, was born.[557]

Delta, Missouri, Station c1915 (Richard Crabtree, Frisco Rails Across Missouri, Facebook)

Frisco Depot, rebuilt, Malden, 1969 (Springfield-Greene County Library).

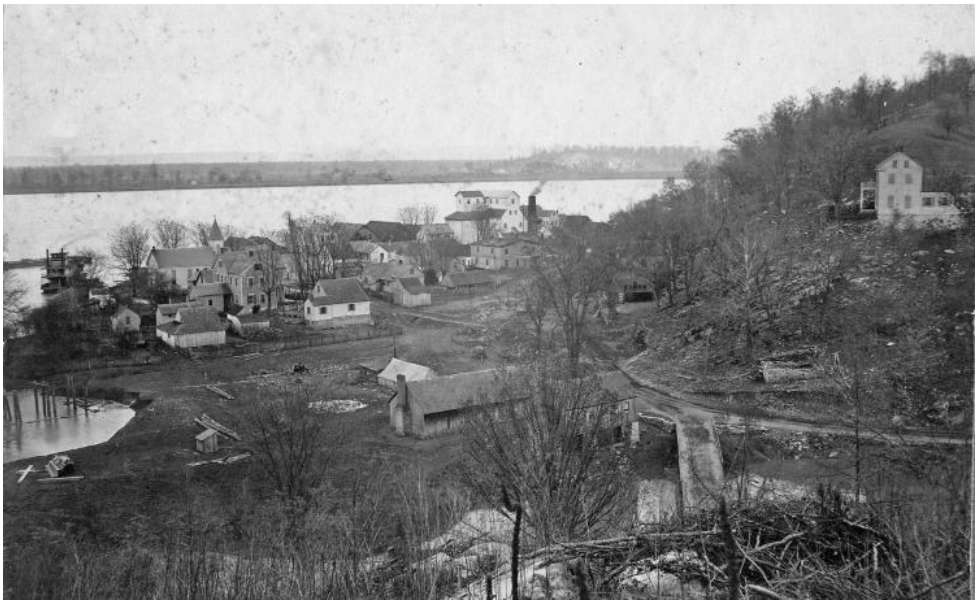
After Illmo, the family lived briefly in Malden, Dunklin Co, in the Missouri Boothill.[552] There, the Frisco railroad had built a depot in 1905,[558] which was destroyed by fire 4 Jan 1920.[559] But by that time, John and his family had moved on, leaving Malden the preceding April.[560] But John was living there on Sun 8 Feb 1919, when three men raided the Malden Frisco Depot, robbing the occupants.[561] Did that encourage his move to Wittenberg?

Wittenberg

By 1919 John and his family were living in Wittenberg, Missouri,[562] where John was the Frisco telegrapher[563] and station agent.[564] Wittenberg was the birthplace of the family's last two children.[564]

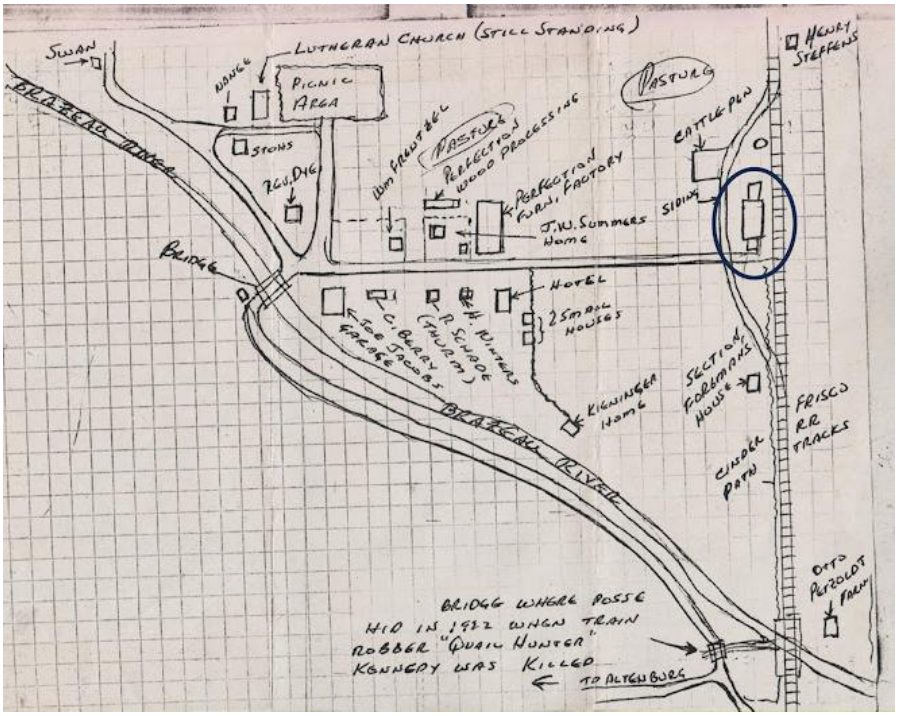
Although Wittenberg had a population of just 270 people in 1920,[565] it had a brewery, a furniture factory, a flour mill, two grocery stores, two hotels, and John Summer's railroad station, which gave the village the reason for being.[566]

The Frisco railroad had begun operating in Wittenberg around 1904, with a Depot north of the main part of the town.



Wittenberg, c1900. (Perry Co Lutheran Historical Society)

Standard Atlas of Perry County, Missouri, 1915, p. 40. The RR depot is circled.



The Summers Wittenberg map with a black circle added showing the depot location.

A map of Wittenberg showing the Summers home, businesses, and railroad tracks was among the documents, photographs, and other materials held by Eloise Wehner Summers until her death. The cartographer is unknown, but is believed to be one of the children of John William Summers Sr. In the lower right is written "BRIDGE WHERE POSSE HID IN 1922 WHEN 'QUAIL HUNTER' KENNEDY WAS KILLED." And that brings us to a most interesting story.

John F. ("Jack") Kennedy (yes, same name as the future president) was a notorious railroad bandit who was a suspect in a series of train robberies in the late 1890s. But despite bragging incessantly about his exploits, Jack proved almost impossible to lock up owing to well-planned alibis, lack of reliable witnesses, poor legal processing, etc.[567] He received the nickname "Quail Hunter" after claiming to authorities that he was hunting quail when, following a fall from his horse, he was found with two Colt revolvers, a sawed-off shotgun, a mask and false whiskers and a lantern with a red cloth wrapped around it, something that could be used to signal and stop trains.[568] He was finally convicted in 1899 and served twelve years in the Missouri Pen before being paroled in 1912[569,568] Following his release, Jack claimed to have reformed.[570] He went on tours, showing a film he made of him robbing a train and giving lectures (he called them "sermons") about the importance of honesty. But Jack had not reformed and eventually went back to holding up trains, though this may have been as much for fame as fortune.

The morning of 3 Nov 1922 "Quail Hunter" held up a Frisco train, the "Memphis Flyer," near the little town of Seventy Six, Missouri. He and an accomplice uncoupled the passenger cars, and drove off with the locomotive and the mail and express cars. A few miles down the track, they stopped the train, robbed the mail clerks of several pouches, disconnected the locomotive, and drove south down the track past the Wittenberg station, where John William Summers was working. (Before his life of crime Kennedy had worked briefly as a locomotive engineer for the Southern Pacific.) "Quail Hunter" then stopped the locomotive near a bridge across the Brazeau River just south of the train station, where a getaway car was waiting. But there had been an informant and eleven armed lawmen (postal inspectors, RR detectives, sheriff's deputies) were also waiting.[571]

Bridge where "Quail Hunter" met his end (photo taken 2011)

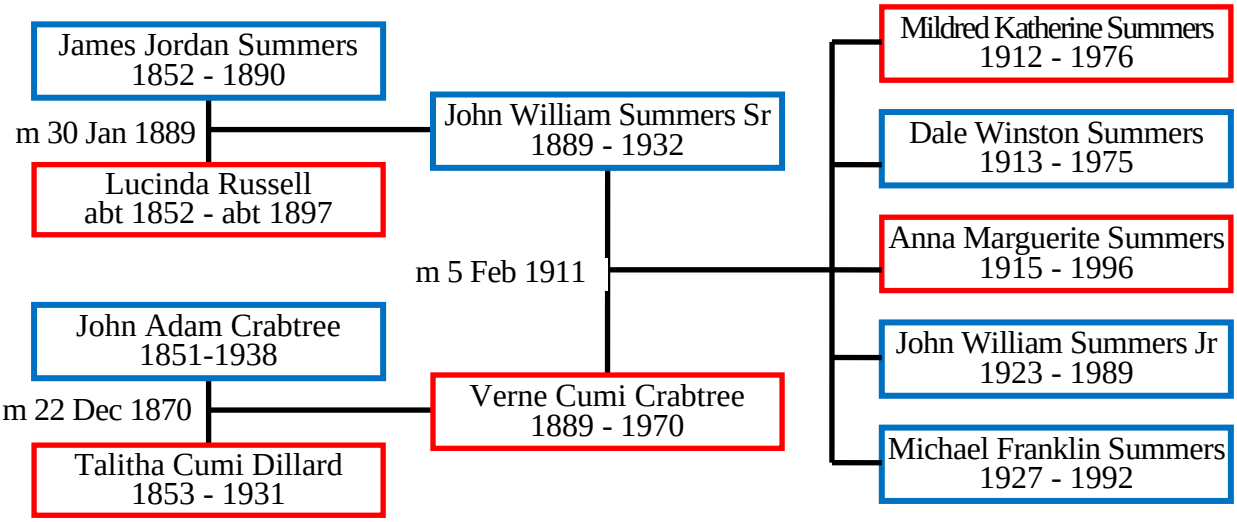
St. Louis Post Dispatch, Fri 3 Nov 1922.

"Quail Hunter" Kennedy and his young accomplice were killed in the ensuing gun battle. The incident made papers around the country. John William Summers and his family likely saw the bodies. Hundreds of spectators filed past the bodies of the two slain bandits at the Wittenberg undertaker's establishment.[572]

The Brazeau was a natural conduit from the Mississippi River, and the town was hit by flood after flood. After the devastating 1927 flood, Wittenberg began to dwindle, until today (2025) it has a few houses, a scattering of foundations, and a lonely railroad track.

1927 Flood, Frisco railroad station, Wittenberg, Missouri, 26 April 1927. (Collection of Betty Jenkins Summers.)

Wittenberg during a flood. (Perry County Lutheran Historical Society)



The John William Summers family.

John Summers Family, Wittenberg, 1927.
L to R: Verne Cumi Crabtree Summers (Mother), Michael Franklin Summers ("Mike"), Anna Marguerite Summers ("Pugs"), Dale Winston Summers, John William Summers Jr. ("Pete"), Mildred Katherine Summers ("Mid"), John William Summers (Father). (Mary Frances Tapscott Archives.)

It was in the now-defunct town of Wittenberg that John and Verne lived with their entire family and where their kids spent their childhood. But the family left Wittenberg in 1931. There was once last Frisco stop to make.

Pocahontas, Arkansas

In 1931, John, Verne, and their children moved to Pocahontas, Arkansas, where John took over as station agent.[573,574]

Abandoned Frisco Station, built c1917, Pocahontas, Arkansas (2007).

John Summers tenure in Pocahontas was short. Dale, John's oldest boy, has told the following story. On Wed 21 Dec 1932, Dale was on way home to Pocahontas by train for Christmas from Cape Girardeau, Missouri, where he was attending college, and had fallen asleep. A conductor came by and woke him up, asking "Are you John Summers boy?" When Dale said "Yes," the conductor responded, "Your Dad is dead."

John William Summers had died of influenza followed by pneumonia.[575] The death was totally unexpected. Just a month before, John had spent a good part of the night fox hunting with J. W. Burrow, mayor of Pocahontas.[576] On 23 Dec 1932, just two days after his death, John Summers was laid to rest in what would become the Summers family plot in New Lorimier Cemetery, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.[575]

The Frisco Railroad pulled up their tracks and abandoned Pocahontas in the 1970s, when freight service to and from the area declined as trucks picked up the bulk of the shipping.

Cape Girardeau

Following John Summers's death, Verne was responsible for a family of five, the youngest just five years old. Her oldest boy, Dale, quit college to help out, but she still had to shoulder a great financial responsibility. Before she married, Verne had worked as a Stoddard County school teacher,[535] but now she had kids to care for. So Verne moved to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, to increase her prospects for earning an income. And also because that was where her brother, Cass was living. Southeast Missouri State Teachers College had a shortage of dorms, and Verne established a boarding house at 617 North Street, near the College, which she ran the rest of her life.[577]

Verne Summers's Boarding House, 617 North Street, Cape Girardeau, 22 Mar 2004 (R.E. and M.F. Tapscott archive).

Verne's boarding house was not a large operation, and the income was scanty. She only had four rooms for boarders, all on the second floor. Often two were for students and the other two for longer-stay residents. During WWII some of her tenants were associated with the military or the war effort. Some long-term residents were almost family.

Downstairs was where her younger kids lived—Marguerite, John Jr. and Mike in 1940.[578] Her son John, Jr. whose first marriage had just broken up, and her daughter-in-law Betty, wife of Michael, in 1950.[579]

When John Sr.'s half sister, Anna Mae Metcalf, came down with colon cancer, Verne provided Anna with a small room off the living room.[580] Anna Mae's marriage to Edward Lee Metcalf had ended in divorce years earlier, in December of 1927,[581] and the only child from that marriage, Jarvis, had died as a young child.[582] Anna did have an adopted daughter, Dorothy Lee (see p. 51), but Dorothy was married and was living in Boonsboro, Maryland.[583] Dorothy, always called "Dutch" by family members, visited her mother on occasion, but over the years Dorothy held some rather important jobs in social work, first in Virginia[584] and then in Maryland,[583] work she could not abandon. Thus, Anna Mae had no one to care for her during her final years. Eventually, Anna had to go back to St. Louis for hospitalization, where she died at St. Luke's Hospital on 18 Nov 1954.[585]

Verne in Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, 1967. (Summers archive).

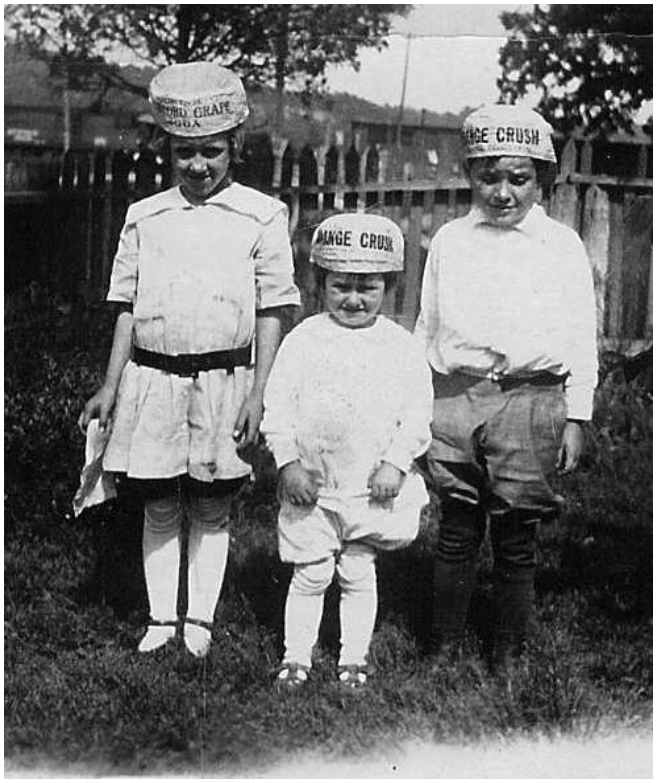
Then in 1969 Verne, like her sister-in-law, Anna Mae, was diagnosed with colon cancer and had to give up running a boarding house.[586] On 17 Jul 1970 Verne passed away in Cape Girardeau.[587] She was laid to rest in New Lorimier Cemetery, alongside her husband.[550]

Mildred Katherine Summers

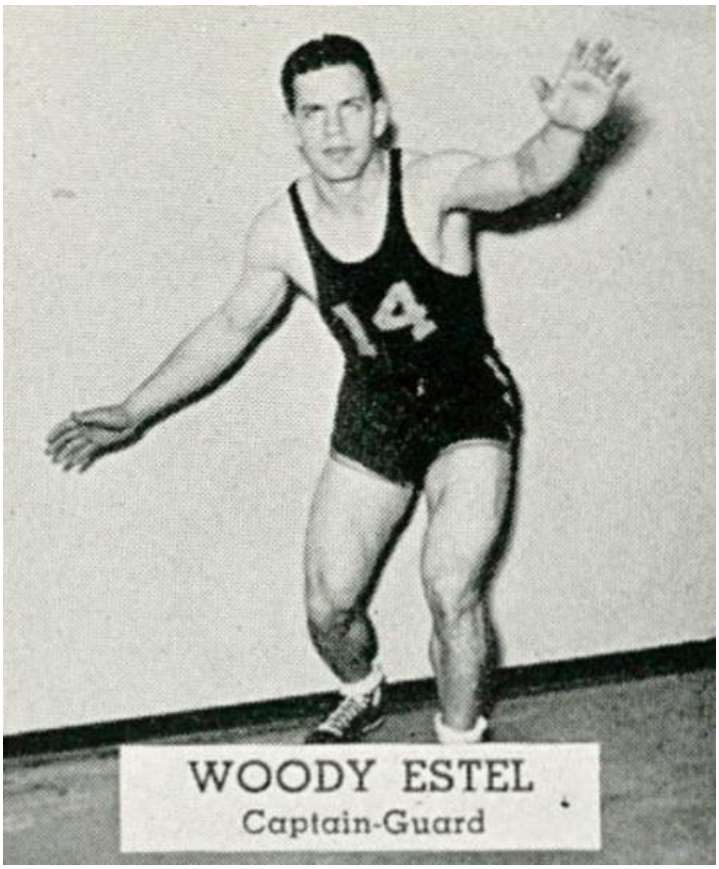
If a man does not keep pace with his companions,
perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer.
Henry David Thoreau, 1854

Mildred ("Mid," "Missy") was the oldest, the most fascinating, and likely the most cerebral of John and Verne's kids. Flouting tradition, she was a composite of Isadora Duncan, Gertrude Stein, and Gloria Steinem, and a mixed blessing to her parents.

Born Mildred Katherine Summers[550] on the first day of 1912 in Arkansas,[588] probably in Boynton, where her folks were living at the time,[547] Mid (whose nickname is said by some to have come from Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream") spent her childhood in Missouri along the Mississippi, first in Illmo (now part of Scott City), then in Malden, in Wittenberg, and finally in Cape Girardeau, where in 1924 she was residing at Southeast Missouri State Teachers College, probably as a pupil in the university-run grade school used to train teachers.[589] Wittenberg had limited educational facilities and no high school at all. She eventually became a college student at Southeast Missouri, where she was a member of the 1934 junior class.[590]



Mid, Marguerite, and Dale in Wittenberg, c1919.



University of Tulsa Yearbook, 1936.

Mildred was attending Southeast Missouri when she married Woodrow Neubeck Estel on 14 Aug 1931 in Benton, Missouri.[591] "Woody" was a renowned student athlete at Jacksonville High School in Jacksonville, Missouri. Rather young at the time, the two decided to live apart and keep the marriage secret until they finished school. Born 6 Mar 1913 in Altenburg, Missouri, just four miles from Wittenberg, Woodrow was still in high school and would not graduate until the following spring.[592] In March 1934, Woodrow, who had by then moved to Oklahoma, where he continued his athletic achievements at the University of Tulsa,[593] attempted to have the marriage annulled, claiming that the couple were minors at the time of the marriage and had not obtained the consent of their parents. The annulment was refused, but may have been granted later. On 27 Mar 1938, Woodrow married Vera Arthuryne Trout in Holdenville, Oklahoma.[594]

Cape Girardeau was too limiting for someone with Mid's *avant-garde* outlook. Over her mother's vigorous objections, she dropped out of Southeast Missouri State Teachers College,[552] and moved to St. Louis, where was living in 1935.[595] There, she first went to work as a "hash slinger" (a job description given by her sister Marguerite) at Dohacks Restaurant,[552] and then became a dressmaker. But she was not just any old dressmaker. By 1940, she was renowned for her flair with color and drape. She even designed the flight hostess's uniform for Chicago and Southern Air Lines, which had set up headquarters in St. Louis.[596]

Mid in her St. Louis dress shop, 1940. (*St. Louis Star-Times*, 29 Oct 1940)

Mid designed the C&S uniforms (postcard).

Intelligence is not the same as wisdom. Mildred was not wise in choosing men. Her first marriage had failed, and a man she lived with in St. Louis was apparently highly questionable. According to a family member, one of Mildred's brothers refused to visit her in St. Louis, because he was disgusted with her companion. (Mildred had no known descendants to be disturbed by this comment.)

Eventually, however, Mid found the perfect mate, Leo Newman. Mildred's brother Dale likely introduced the couple. Dale met Leo in 1932 under extraordinary circumstances, as we will see in the next chapter. Leo and Mid were married on 24 Sep 1966 in Imperial,[597] Missouri, with Mid's sister Marguerite and her husband, Kelley, as attendants.[598] Born 2 Aug 1908 in St. Louis to Jewish Hungarian emigrants,[599] Joseph and Theresa Fox[600] Newman, Leo had been previously married, around 1941 in St. Louis,[601] to Lillian Mae[602] Doyle Bryan, a divorcee with three children.[603,604] Leo had no children of his own and he and Lillian were divorced in the late 1950s.[605]

"To Mary Frances and Barbara with lots of love and best wishes always from their 'Uncle' Leo the Lion." (Given to the daughters of Mid's brother, Dale, around 1955.

Like Mid, Leo was a marcher to a different beat. In 1932 Leo had navigated a homebuilt houseboat down the Mississippi River in an extraordinary adventure to gather material for a planned book.[606] Then following a stint as a highly successful amateur wrestler, Leo became a professional. Between 1931 and 1965. during the golden age of wresting, "Leo the Lion Newman" fought in 997 matches, often bringing a lion into the ring with him.[607] In 1953, at the height of his fame, he took another trip down the Mississippi on his boat the *African Queen* with a pet lion, Rex, who he wrestled at sandbars. The purpose of the trip was to search for "something tangible that will help me steer a true course in the events of my future life when I reach journey's end."[608]

Leo's journey almost ended when, on 25 May 1957, an automobile in which he was riding struck a bridge near Springfield, Missouri, when the driver fell asleep.[609] Years later, on 26 Feb 1963, Leo was awarded $91,558 in a suit against the driver after claiming that he was unable to wrestle because of the injuries.[610] In fact, though his number of bouts had decreased, Leo's last known wrestling match, a tag team competition, occurred in Lincoln, Nebraska, on 18 Aug 1965, well after the accident.[611] But, of course, much of professional wrestling is a scripted stunt show.

"Best Wishes from Leo and Rex to Dale and Eloise Summers." Given to Leo's brother-in-law and his wife." (Summers collection.)

By the time he and Mildred were married, Leo had become a well-known wrestling manager and promoter. And he was also a prolific writer, though he never made a dime from that talent.[612] Between 1933 and 1984 Leo authored at least sixty letters printed by Missouri newspapers, a number determined by counting articles in newspaper collections. The letters, on a range of topics, with an emphasis on animal cruelty, antimilitarism, and nature, were highly intellectual and often poetic. It may have been his literary proficiency that attracted Mildred to Leo. It was a marriage of literati.

Leo and Mildred lived out their married life as owners and operators of Love N' Kare Boarding Kennels near Imperial, Missouri.[613] Their business was located in what, at one time, had been a hunt club, something that would have been an abomination to the Newmans. Although established as a business to look after dogs, it was, in fact, primarily a shelter for Leo and Mid's pets. In 1971 the couple cared for forty dogs, sixty-five cats, and half a dozen goats in addition to cows,

horses, ducks, doves, and one raccoon.[613] In addition to the extensive menagerie, a 1973 visit by the author of this book and his wife found a massive in-home library for the couple's literary pursuits, a telescope for checking the neighborhood and searching for animals, a notebook listing the names of fifty-four cats (the count at the time), and widespread Christmas decorations that were displayed throughout the year.

Mildred passed away at age 64 on 22 Jan 1976 in St. Louis,[614] and was buried in New Lorimier Cemetery, Cape Girardeau, alongside her parents and other relatives.[550] Leo wrote a memorial that could have easily been for him:[615]

> Missie Newman loved all of God's creatures; the birds of the air and the animals of the earth looked to her as their great and unfailing provider. Homeless stray cats and dogs found in her a devoted friend that bestowed upon them life and happiness with a love that transcended all that was human and mortal.
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> Missie was one of those extremely rare persons that brought out the inherent good in all people. Everyone to her was special and precious. Strangers opened their hearts to her without reservation, knowing instinctively that her concern was genuine, unaffected, and sincere. Her plants and flowers because of their rapport, flourished with the touch of her hand. and now, as she quietly lies in the eternal stillness of earth, the goodness and compassion she bestowed upon others remains her everlasting memorial. No words have ever been coined that can adequately probe the profundity and depth of a grief without end, or, lessen the intensity of sorrow for a life that has returned whence it came. Missie's thoughts and reading embraced everything from the nebula to a stone and her concern and devotion to humane endeavors was never ending and tireless. For a grief stricken husband she was the epitome of all that made life worth living. She now belongs to the ages - for time without end . . and the friend and protector of homeless creatures will surely dwell in the halls of mercy at the right hand of God forevermore . .

Leo lived another sixteen years, dying at his home in Imperial on 5 Aug 1992.[616] He was laid to rest in Shepherd Hills Cemetery, Barnhart, Missouri, with a lion carved on his marker.

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Neither Leo nor Mid had children of their own. Animals were their children.

Dale Winston Summers

Dale Winston Summers, the second of five children born to John and Verne, grew up in Wittenberg, Missouri, alongside the Mississippi.[563] Like his brother-in-law Leo Newman, Dale combined bookish intellect with a desire for adventure. Much of the following story came directly from Dale and his wife and children.

In 1987, Dale's sister Marguerite ("Pugs") included a synopsis of Dale's early life in a letter she wrote to his daughter, Mary Frances:[552]

> *He was born in Illmo, Mo., then we moved to Malden, then to Wittenberg. There we lead a strange existence, for most of the citizens spoke no English and we spoke no German. But there was an English school, to which we all went except Mike, who was too young when we moved to Pocahontas, Ark. Dale was an excellent student, and made I believe, the highest score in the county on the test all students had to take made I believe, the highest score in the county on the test all students had to take at the end of the eighth grade. He went two years to the Altenburg high school, then stayed with Aunt Orel and Uncle Cass in Cape Girardeau to finish high school and start college. He was in the second year when Daddy died. Again, he was a good student - but his timing for pranks and witticisms earned him quite a reputation. You know that side of him too. When Daddy died we immediately moved to Cape, to be in a college town, and because of Uncle Cass. It wasn't long until Dale was toying with the idea of dropping out of school. Mother was dead set against it-but he was an adult with a mind definitely of his own, so drop out he did. The Mississippi River was the artery of life for Wittenberg where show boats played, corpses washed up, we swam in it and picnicked on its banks, and lived through several of its floods. We were all fascinated with it in one way or another - Dale had met Wamp Poe there through the Wilsons (one of the English-speaking people there)* [Wamp Poe was a rather well-known Riverboat Pilot, who lived in Cape Girardeau][617] *and Wamp worked on the boat and encouraged Dale to come aboard. Mother could not prevail against such odds. So she gave Dale his portion of Daddy's estate, the old Gardener we had, and he took to the river. I think he must have thoroughly enjoyed the life, and he was so proud of that engine room you'd have thought he owned the boat. Pete says he has met a fellow who was on the boat with Dale, and who related some pretty wild hi-jinks that went on, but that's been a long time ago and people tend to romanticize memories. That fellow said Dale earned $60 a month, which I can neither refute nor verify, for there's no note of it in Mother's records. Of course that included his board and room - a bunk. I do know he was good to us as always, and frequently gave Mother money though she was keeping college students at that time. When I started teaching Dale and I had many loud and hilarious arguments over who was currently Head of the House -- which attests to Mother's forbearance and sense of humor, for there was NO ONE head of that house except Verne C. Summers. "So there!" as she would have said, with the appropriate gesture. Which brings us up to the time you would know about through your mother and your own experiences. He was a dear brother, and there was a closeness between us up to the time he moved to El Paso and we saw each other so seldom - but I still have such a warm feeling just remembering him.*

In 1919 Dale spent first grade in a Wittenberg school that was so small that even grades were taught in even years, and odd grades, in odd years. The teacher thought that Dale was too advanced to go into the second grade. But third grade would not be taught the following year, so Dale was sent directly from first grade into fourth. He skipped two levels. The Wittenberg school was rather antiquated, even by the standards of the day. In a 1927 newspaper article defending the school, "M. Summers" (Anna Marguerite, Dale's sister) bragged that the school had "two hundred and sixty five books in our library, . . . a victrola, a first aid cabinet, first class teacher's desk and chair, window shades, set of wall maps and a new globe."[618]

His family relates many tales about Dale in Wittenberg. He and his four siblings played railroad, Dale assuming the role of a character named "Bob." The name continued to be used for him by his brothers and sisters all his life. Not realizing the name was fictitious, non-family members often referred to him as "Robert Summers."

Dale Summers in front of Summers's residence during the 1927 Wittenberg flood. (Collection of Betty Jenkins Summers.)

In Wittenberg, the family, which lived near the railroad, had problems with hobos, who were constantly climbing over the fence around the house. To keep them out, Dale wired the fence to a battery but accidently included the gate in the circuit. The first person to enter the wired gate was the local preacher's daughter.

Wittenberg had no High School, so Dale started high school in Altenburg, Missouri, just four miles from Wittenberg. There he made the honor roll in January 1928.[619] But then he transferred to Central High School, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, a transfer that allowed him to stay with his aunt and uncle Orel and Cass Crabtree.[552] He graduated from Central in May 1931.[620] Because of the skipped grades, he should have graduated earlier, but he had quit school for a while to work as a logger. That fall he entered Southeast Missouri State Teachers College, where he became a member of both the football team (the Cape Girardeau Indians) and the all-male Webster Society.[621]

In the summer of 1932, after a year of college, Dale had his biggest adventure, most likely termed an "escapade" by his parents. Sometime in June he pushed off from St. Louis in a skiff on an odyssey down the Mississippi to New Orleans. Near Grand Tower, Illinois, a small town a couple of miles south and across the river from Wittenberg, Missouri. On the way, he met two other river mariners making the same trip in a houseboat—Leo Newman, who would one day marry Dale's sister Mildred, and Charles Mercurio. Dale joined them. A description of the "Huckleberry Finn" voyage of the vessel *Wanderer*, Newman and Mercurio's boat, was published in 1932 by the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*.[606]

During his venture, Dale escaped the usual threats of river travel—sandbars, snags, rocks, whirlpools—only to fall victim to the unexpected. He contracted malaria. Leo Newman claimed that Dale was "restored to health" after being dosed with quinine obtained from a penitentiary along the river, but any restoration was only partial. In a letter written by Dale, while still in New Orleans, to his sister Mildred, Dale confesses that he still had some bouts with the disease.[622] Dale's family remembers him shaking violently years later, whenever he caught a cold. After reaching New Orleans, Newman and Mercurio returned to St. Louis by jumping freights, but Dale was too worn from his illness to ride the rails. He wired home for train ticket money, living on bananas that had fallen from conveyer belts along the docks and skimping to purchase cheap meals until funds arrived.

The fall of 1932, Dale returned to college, but his stay was cut short by his father's death on 21 Dec 1932. As the family's oldest boy, Dale immediately dropped out of college, going to work to help support his mother and (mostly younger) brothers and sisters. He first delivered papers, then logged, and then was an engineer on the William Dickinson, a diesel-driven, Mississippi River towboat, built for the Marquette Cement Company of Chicago.[623]

Although Dale's education at Southeast Missouri State was cut short, it was there, in an English class, that he met Eloise Wehner. A decade later, on 31 May 1941, after he had obtained a decently paying job with Ford Motor Company in St. Louis (and taking some classes at Washington University), he married Eloise, who had been teaching during the years that Dale was working to help support his mother.[624]

Dale on the William Dickinson, c1935. (Eloise Summers Archives.)

Dale and Eloise had become engaged two years earlier, when, on Valentine's Day 1939, Dale had given Eloise a diamond ring inscribed "D. S. to E. W. 2/14/39."[626] The wedding, at the Church of Ste. Genevieve, was not well attended, particularly by the Wehners, because Eloise's grandparents, Peter and Catherine, had died just three months earlier. There was some feeling that social events should be postponed. Moreover, Dale's mother and his brother "Pete," who was scheduled to be an attendant, were struck by serious food poisoning and had to miss the wedding altogether.

Wedding of Dale Summers and Eloise Wehner, Church of Ste. Genevieve, 31 May 1941. L to R: Marguerite ("Pugs") Summers, Kelly Taylor (with the tight-fitting suit meant for Dale's brother Pete), Dale Summers, Eloise Wehner, Frances ("Bud") Wehner, and Lucille Marie Ohmis (a former student of Eloise Wehner).

Eloise Marie was the only daughter of John Edward ("Ed" or "Eddie") and Leona Mary Naumann Wehner and much of her story is detailed in a book on the Wehner family of Southeast Missouri, *Bier und Brot*.[625]

Eloise and Dale, c1935. (Eloise Summers Archives.)

The culprit was apparently a custard pie purchased by Pete the night before at a Cape Girardeau bakery. Another wedding guest, Kelley Taylor, who would one day marry Dale's sister "Pugs," took Pete's place. This explains Kelly's ill-fitting suit in the wedding photo.

For a couple of years, Eloise and Dale lived in St. Louis, while Dale continued to work for Ford Motor Company, a boring job he thoroughly hated. Then he got the break he was looking for. He became a safety engineer for Employers Liability Insurance Corporation (which became "Employers Commercial Union Insurance Co." in 1969) and worked for that firm the rest of his life. Around 1943, Employers moved Dale and Eloise to Kansas City, Kansas, where they lived until 1949 and where they had two daughters—Mary Frances, born on the Missouri side of the city, and Barbara Eloise, born on the Kansas side.

In 1949 Employers moved Dale and his family to El Paso, Texas. There, once Barbara reached school age, Eloise joined the staff of Loretto Academy which covered grades K through 12. At Loretto, which Barbara and Mary Frances both attended, Eloise taught commercial subjects and some English.

In El Paso, there was a fifth member of the family, Spooky the cat. Spooky had multiple litters, preferably in the kitchen with people watching. There were 36 kittens total. Once when Spooky was teaching her kittens about the outdoor world she also taught Dale to swear in front of the family. Dale had just made a blackboard with fresh paint, and had set it up against the side of the garage to dry. The kittens decided it would be quite fun to slide on the board. Dale had been inside the garage working when he heard the kittens. Finding the board ruined, he broke loose in a verbal tirade. His family claims it was the only time they ever heard him use profanity.

Mary Frances, Barbara, Eloise, and Dale Summers, Christmas 1964, El Paso.

Then on 1 Jun 1965, they moved for the last time, to Decatur, Georgia, once more at the request of Employers Insurance. Spooky moved with the family. There, Eloise joined the faculty at Georgia State College in Atlanta.[627]

On 15 Jan 1972, near disaster struck. Dale suffered a serious heart attack.[628] He survived and entered a Cardiac Rehab Program, which appeared to be highly successful. But a little over three years later, on 18 Oct 1975, he suffered another and fatal heart attack. The funeral was held in the Church of Ste. Genevieve, where he and Eloise had been married 34 years earlier.[629] Eloise lived another 12 years in Decatur, continued to teach a while, and did some traveling, something that she had had little opportunity to do with her husband, whose desire for adventure waned over the years. On 28 Jul 1987, in Dekalb Co, Georgia, Eloise passed away from complications of lymphoma.[630] Eloise and Dale rest alongside one another in Valle Spring Cemetery, Ste. Genevieve, Missouri.[631]

Much of **Mary Frances Summer's** life is detailed in a book about her husband's family, *The Glenn and Mary Imle Tapscott Family*.[632] Mary Frances, "MF" to her close friends, was born 15 Feb 1944 in Kansas City, Missouri, and was baptized 27 Feb 1944 at Blessed Sacrament Church, Kansas City, Kansas.[633] In 1949, she went

with her parents to El Paso, where she completed kindergarten and continued through elementary and high school at Loretto Academy, graduating valedictorian in spring, 1962. That fall she started at Webster College, St. Louis, Missouri, graduating with a BA in mathematics in 3½ years, in December 1965, by taking extra heavy course loads.[627]

Mary Frances and Bob, Minneapolis, 1963

In the summer of 1963, Mary Frances went to the University of Minnesota to write math and science curriculum materials as part of the Minnemast Project. There she met Robert Edwin Tapscott, who was in Minneapolis as a summer employee of 3M Company. The two hit it off.

Robert ("Bob") was born 10 Jun 1938 in Terre Haute, Indiana, to Glenn Daniel and Mary Emaline (Imle) Tapscott, residents of Marshall, Illinois.[634] Following his birth, his family traveled around the United States, coming back to Marshall in 1945, where Bob spend his childhood. In 1951 he traveled with his parents and siblings to Denver, Colorado, where his father died the following year, 15 Jun 1952.[635] Bob graduated from West High School in Denver in 1956 and after working several years at Gates Rubber Company as a student engineer, entered the University of Colorado in Boulder full time in 1961. He graduated with a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering in 1964, and then entered the University of Illinois at Urbana, Illinois, where he received a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry, in 1968. He has always said that he would not have gone for a graduate degree had it not been for Mary Frances, who had to explain to him what a Ph.D. was and then had to convince him to go after it.

Bob and Mary Frances were married 31 Dec 1966 at the Church of Ste. Genevieve, where Mary Frances's parents, grandparents, and great grandparents had been married. Four generations of Wehners (along with assorted Naumanns and Rottlers) were wedded in this one church. Mary Frances and Bob lived for a year in Urbana, Illinois, while Bob completed the Ph.D. and where Mary Frances obtained an M.S. in mathematics, while teaching at Danville High School, in Danville, Illinois, thirty-five miles west of Urbana.

After a few months in Chicago, Illinois, where Bob did postdoctoral work, the couple moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. There Bob joined the Chemistry faculty at the University of New Mexico, a job he was lucky to get though he did not know at the time that the academic job market would soon collapse. And there Mary Frances went to work in 1970 at Manzano Day School, where she was an

Back: Cody, Mike, Corina; Front: Bob, MF, 2016, Phoenix.

elementary school teacher, while pursuing a BS degree in Computer Science at the University of New Mexico. She was awarded the degree in 1987.

Mary Frances says the she got the job by making a cold call to Manzano Day School and asking to talk to the principal. She sold herself and the principal, Tony Pino, developed a position for her based on her experience with the Madison Project of Syracuse University and Webster College. She joined the Manzano staff as a mathematics coordinator and supervisor, and was tasked with constructing a cohesive program of supplementary work in mathematics to enrich the existing curriculum. Many years later, in 1994, she joined St. Pius X High School first as a math teacher and then as the Technology Director, the position she held when she retired in 2012.

Mary Frances and Bob have one child, Michael Kevin Tapscott, born 16 Jun 1969 in Albuquerque. Mike, father of twins, Cody and Corina, lives in Phoenix, Arizona.

Barbara Eloise Summers has provided much of the information for her story. She was born 21 Mar 1948 in Kansas City, Kansas, and was educated at Loretto Academy in El Paso, Texas, where her mother was a member of the faculty.

In El Paso, Barbara became close friends with John Wildman, Dale's supervisor at Employer's Insurance. John would periodically visit the southwestern branch of the company. On those occasions, Eloise would always have him at the house for dinner. John enjoyed drinking good scotch, so Dale made sure it was available for him. Barbara, who was allowed to serve drinks to guests on occasion, received Dale's permission to buy a fake ice cube to put in Mr. Wildman's drink. There was one minor issue when she did so. The fake cube contained a fake fly. John consumed his drink, never saying a word about the winged creature. When it was still present in the second drink, John knew something was quite unusual so he asked Dale about it. Dale explained that he had given Barbara permission to do the deed. John explained that he had noticed the fly in the first drink but did not want to say anything because he knew Eloise would have been mortified. From then on John referred to Barbara as the "Katzenjammer Kid."

At one point, Dale went to Boston for a business meeting and Barbara sent a gift with him for Mr. Wildman, a bottle of excellent scotch. But Barbara had broken the seal. Certain that the Katzenjammer Kid had done something to the bottle, John offered drinks to several others before indulging himself. Barbara and John continued exchanging small gifts until his death, and Barbara was not the only one to send " modified" gifts.

Barbara relates the following story about her and Dale:

Mom had gone to a conference out of town, MF was at a sleepover so Daddy and I were alone at the house. I wanted to make gingerbread (box mix) for dessert Dad was the mathematician so he thought making the whole recipe would be too much. He told me to make only half the mix. The full recipe called for a full cup of water for half a recipe should require only half the liquid. Daddy strongly disagreed with me so I had to follow his decision. The gingerbread was flatly a disaster. Never again did Dad try to "adjust" a recipe.

Barbara graduated from Loretto in 1965 and, after a year at Webster College in St. Louis,[636] entered Agnes Scott College, in Decatur, Georgia. There she obtained a Bachelor's degree in Spanish in 1970. She went on to get a Masters degree in school administration at Georgia State University in 1985 and a Specialist degree at the University of Georgia. Barbara was a teacher most of her adult life, specializing in Spanish and French, and teaching in the Atlanta, Georgia, area at Avondale, St. Pius, Berkmar, and Duluth high schools. She also occasionally taught English to adults who had returned to complete high school.

Barbara vacuuming Spooky, the cat.

In addition to teaching, Barbara has been an amateur thespian, performing in plays in the Atlanta area. And she has had a life-long affinity for cats, starting with the Summers family cat, Spooky, who loved to be groomed with a vacuum cleaner.

Dale with grandchildren, Jerry and Alicia, 1975.

On 21 Apr 1968, Barbara married Gerald Wyatt Dobbs at St. Thomas More Church, Decatur Georgia. Gerald ("Jerry") was born 18 Apr 1947 to George and Theodocia (Jones) Dobbs, and was working as plant engineer at Georgia Regional Hospital.[637] Barbara and Jerry had two children, both born in Decatur, Georgia—Jerry Edward, born 9 Jan 1969, died 5 Oct 2021, and Alicia Maria, born 24 Sep 1973. On 9 Jun 1994, at the young age of 47, Gerald died of myocarditis in Lilburn, Georgia, and is buried in White Chapel Cemetery, Duluth, Georgia.

On 20 Jul 1995 at Fort McPherson, Georgia, Barbara was married a second time, to Robert Alan Summers. Robert ("Bob") served in the U.S. Army from 27 May 1964 to 31 Jan 1985, leaving with the rank of Command Sergeant Major. He was also a paratrooper in the Special Forces, serving three tours in Viet Nam, two tours in Korea, and two tours in Germany. His entire military career was on jump (parachute) status, and he was an airborne instructor at Fort Benning, Georgia, on the Jump Committee. Upon retirement from the U.S. Army, Bob served as regional manager for JTPA (Job Training Partnership Act) and as Quality Assurance Director at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Barbara and Bob Summers, 2011. (Collection of Barbara Summers.)

Anna Marguerite Summers

Anna Marguerite,[638] known as "Pugs" by family members, and never called "Anna," was born 21 Sep 1915 in Illmo, Scott Co, Missouri, but grew up in Wittenberg. It was in Wittenberg that she began showing the literary skills that ran in her family. In the seventh grade of the local school, she served as Editor of the "Wittenberg Sun," a monthly school newspaper, which was republished by a local newspaper, the *Perry County Sun*.[639] Not only the editor, she was the major contributor of articles, stories, and poems:[639]

SANTA'S HELPER
(By Marguerite Summers)

Old Santa Claus was late
As late as he could be.
For he had stopped to skate
Upon the Zidder Zee.
And over watery Holland
The ice was frozen fast.
He got along just fine
Until the very last.
And there & then he slipped & fell
He fell upon his head.
He could not bring his presents,
For he had to go to bed.
When at last he got up north
He told his wife his trouble.
She said to be quiet and calm,
And it would vanish like a bubble.
She told him. she would help him.
She'd make his bundle light
For she would take his job
And let him rest that night.

And Marguerite was more than just an editor and a brilliant author. In March 1928, she achieved the highest average on the Wittenberg grade school's quarter examinations, 100 percent.[640] And she was a short-term school librarian in the fall of that year.[641]

But we must admit that Marguerite had limited competition for her many accomplishments. In 1928 the Wittenberg school had an enrollment of only fourteen total in all the grades. There were seven pupils in the Marguerite's seventh grade. [639]

Where Marguerite attended high school is a mystery. Part of her schooling may have occurred in Pocahontas, where her folks moved when she was sixteen. But she likely finished high school in Cape Girardeau where her mother moved after her dad's death. And certainly she started college there, graduating 15 May 1939 from Southeast Missouri State Teachers College with a B.S. in Education.[642] Her cousin William Lee Crabtree (Cass's

son)[643] and her future sister-in-law Eloise Wehner had graduated from there with the same degree just four years earlier.[644]

Marguerite began teaching in the Spring of 1938 after making special arrangements with her college to complete her work toward a teaching degree during the following summer. [645] Her first job was in Lilbourn, Missouri, a tiny town of around 1300, sixty miles south of Cape Girardeau in New Madrid County. There, Marguerite worked as a commercial teacher, her specialty throughout her teaching career as she moved from one small town to another. In 1939 she was teaching high school in Gideon, Missouri, a slightly larger town, with a population around 1600, also in New Madrid County.[646] And during academic year 1940/1941 Marguerite taught commercial subjects at Cisne, Illinois.

Pugs and Kelley at wedding of Dale and Eloise Summers, 31 May 1941.

Her job in Cisne changed Marguerit's life. A chap by the name of Kelley Gaylen Taylor, had been born in Cisne, Wayne Co, Illinois, on 8 Jul 1915 to Oliver Hartley[647] and Fannie Pennington Taylor.[648] Excluding a possible stay in Carbondale, Illinois, when working toward a B.Ed. degree from Southern Illinois Normal University, which he obtained in 1937,[649] Kelley had remained in Wayne, County,[650,651,652] where he ended up working as a teacher at Cisne High School.[657] Of course, Marguerite and Kelley met.

During her travels from small town to small town, Marguerite often corresponded with another commercial teacher, Eloise Wehner, the fiancé of Marguerite's brother Dale. Family members say that in order to save money on postage, Marguerite and Eloise would use postcards. But Marguerite found that a nosy landlady was reading Eloise's mailings. To prevent that, Eloise and Marguerite, both commercial teachers, wrote their letters in shorthand. When Eloise and Dale were married, Marguerite, a sister of the groom as well as a close friend of the bride, was a bridesmaid. And Marguerite's companion, Kelley Taylor, who was supposed to be just a wedding guest, was talked into replacing Dale's brother Pete as an attendant, when Pete fell ill.

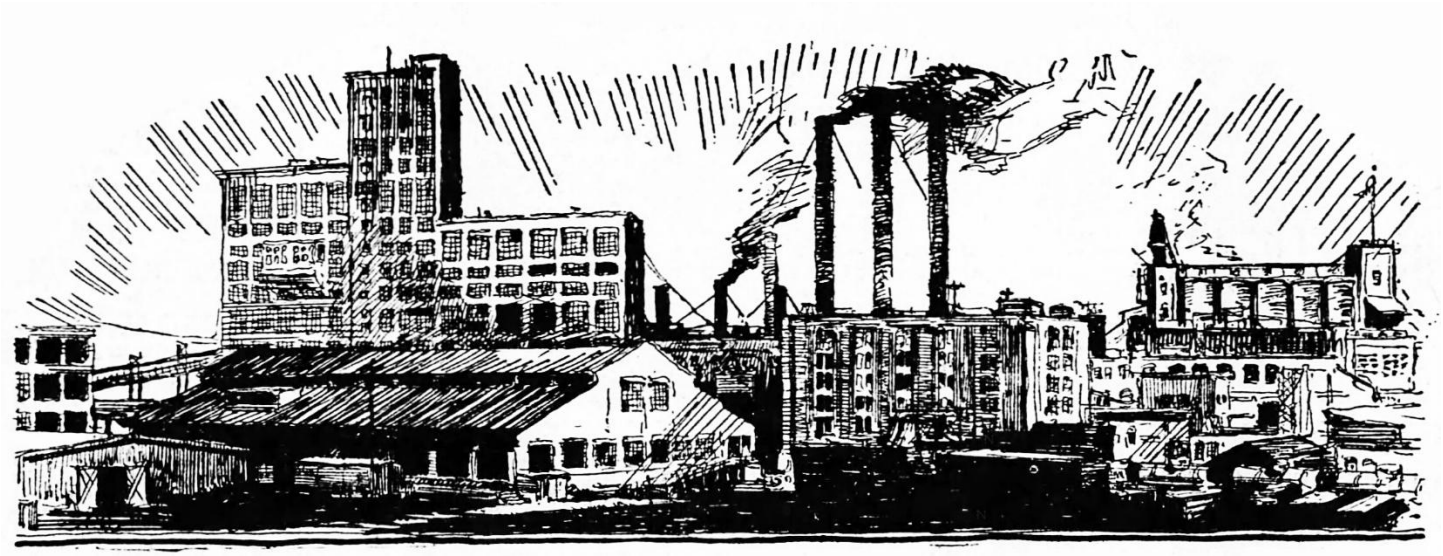
A year and a half later, Marguerite and Kelley were in another wedding, their own. They were married in Cape Girardeau on 7 Nov 1942, and the minister performing the ceremony was Marguerite's uncle, John Henry Crabtree Sr.[653] John had earlier conducted the wedding of other members of the family including Marguerite's uncles Cass, George, and Charles, and probably her parents (p. 54).

Around the end of 1940, Kelley entered an accelerated program at the University of Illinois at Urbana to work towards an advanced degree.[654] Accelerated programs were instituted during WWII to address the shortage of doctors and scientists who could help in the war effort. Kelley was living in Champaign, Illinois, which shares the University of Illinois with Urbana, when he and Marguerite were married.[653] On 15 Feb 1943 Kelley graduated from the University of Illinois with an M.S. in Chemistry.[649] A year later, in February 1944 Kelly enlisted in the military,[655] and by 1946 he was serving in Europe.[656]

While Kelley was in the military, Marguerite continued to teach in Illinois towns. Cisne was followed by Palestine and then Effingham, where Marguerite was teaching in Feb 1946, after Kelley was stationed in Europe.[657] But then, Marguerite joined him, and there, in Germany, their first child, Flynn Anthony Taylor, was born. on 24 Jul 1948.[658] Marguerite and Flynn returned from Bremerhaven, Germany on the United States Army Transport ship, the General Daniel L. Sultan, arriving in New York on 10 Nov 1948.[659]

USAT General Daniel I. Sultan(1946 - 1950)
NavSource Online: Service Ship Photo Archive

In 1950, following Kelley's discharge from the military, Marguerite and Kelley were living in Cheltenham Twp, Pennsylvania. While living there, Kelley was working as a research chemist, likely in Pittsburgh, which borders Cheltenham.[660] But the couple soon returned to Illinois, where Kelley went to work for A. E. Staley in Decatur, Illinois, as a paper chemist.[661]



A. E. Staley in 1921. (*Decatur Herald,* Tue 4 Oct. 1921, p. 2.

In Decatur, the family added a second child, a daughter, Marley Melinda Taylor, born 13 Feb 1957.[662] In 1961, 4-year-old Marley came close to losing her life after falling into a creek near Decatur. She was rescued by her mom, who was proclaimed a hero in local newspapers.[663] Perhaps it was a slow news day, but a hero Marguerite surely was.

Decatur, Illinois, Thursday, May 11, 1961.

Mother Saves Girl

Marley Taylor, 4, Rescued from Stevens Creek

After forty years or so working for Staley, Kelley retired. And, sometime after 1989, Marguerite and Kelley moved from Decatur.[664] In 1996, both were living in Lake Charles, Louisiana, but Marguerite was in a retirement home and Kelley was in a nursing home.[665] It was in Lake Charles that both passed away in 1996, Kelley on 29 Feb, and Marguerite on 13 Mar, just two weeks apart.[661,666]

John William Summers Jr

John William Summers Beth Anne Thomason
Sangamore Year Book, Southeast Missouri State, 1942

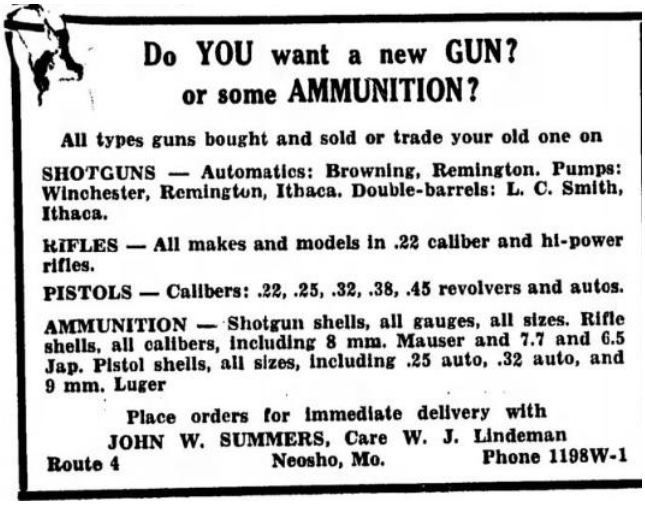
Born in Wittenberg on 27 Dec 1923, Pete (the name used by just about everyone) attended school in Wittenberg, then in Pocahontas, Arkansas, and finally in Cape Girardeau, where his mother moved following his father's death. It was in Cape Girardeau, that he met and married, on 18 Aug 1946, Beth Anne Thomason.[667] In 1942 Pete was a sophomore and Beth Anne was a freshman at Southeast Missouri State Teachers College in Cape Girardeau, and that is likely how the two had met.[668,669]

"Beth Anne" had been born "Elizabeth Ann" in Missouri on 12 Dec 1924 to John Will[670] and Thelma Workman Thomason, but she often spelled her middle name as "Anne".[671] Less than two months after her birth, Beth's parents had split up, with Thelma and Elizabeth moving in with Thelma's sister Elexie and her husband Harlie Holdman [672]in Memphis Tennessee.[673] The couple were divorced by 1930.[674]

Before John and Beth Anne married, John had a duty to fulfill. On 30 Jun 1943 John enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving as a sergeant during WW II.[550,675] John was discharged 11 Mar 1946 and he married Beth Anne a few months later.

John William Summers, WW II (*Find a Grave*).

Like that of her mother, Elizabeth's marriage was very short. She and John Summers were divorced in New Madrid, Missouri, in June 1950, less than four years after their marriage. Elizabeth ended up living with her mother and stepfather, William Joseph[676] Lindeman, in Neosho, Missouri.[677] Thelma and William had married in Columbus, Kansas, 13 Jul 1946. Living with Elizabeth in Neosho, was a child, John William Summers.[677] Before their split, John Summers and Elizabeth had had a child.



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Though their marriage was short, Elizabeth helped Pete start an entrepreneurial journey that Pete pursued throughout his life. In 1947 John Summers took out an advertisement for buying, selling, and trading guns, and he gave Elizabeth's stepfather, William Lindeman of Neosho. as the contact.[678]

And in 1949, across the state from Neosho in Cape Girardeau, "Beth and Pete Summers" (Elizabeth and John) were advertising a hangout for college kids, The Palms.[679] The Palms, which had a short existence, was outside Cape

Girardeau, on Highway 61, where John's most successful enterprise, Summers Sporting Goods, was located. In fact, it is likely that the shop was the location for The Palms.

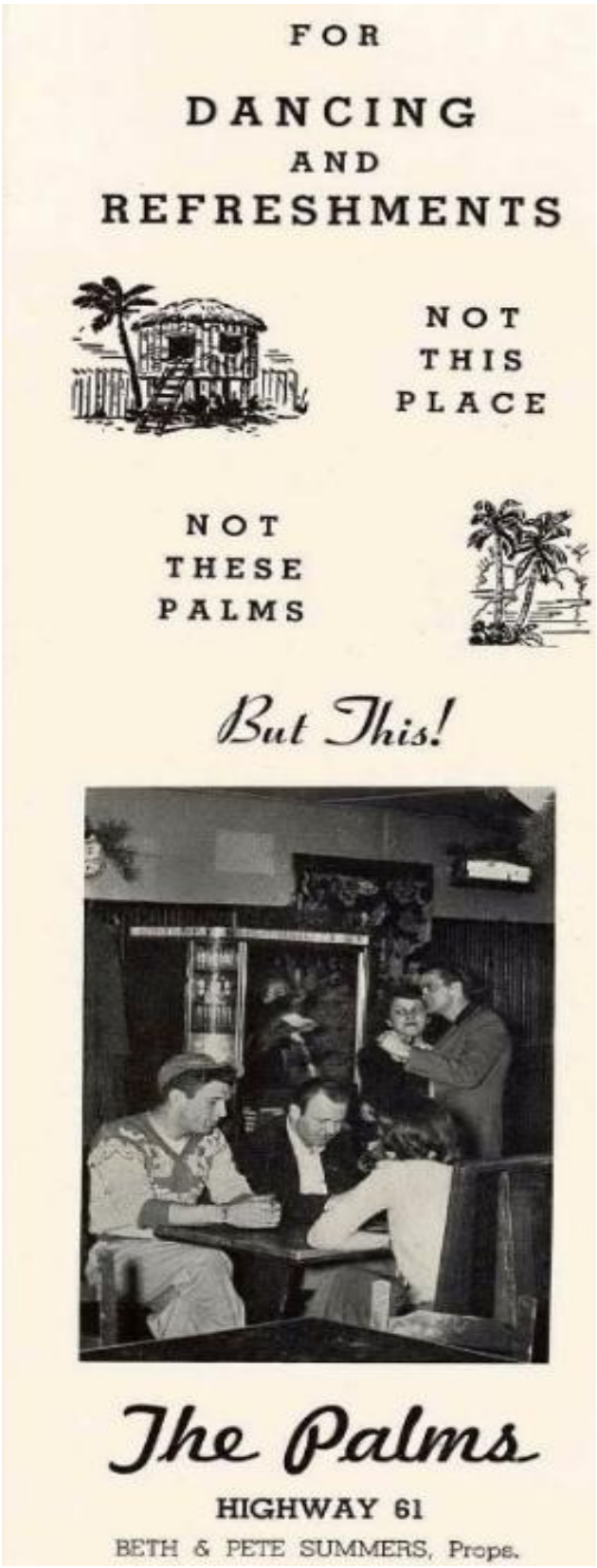
Summers Sporting Goods, located on Highway 61, Cape Girardeau, first appears in a 1949 newspaper article noting that the store had been robbed of eight pistols and revolvers and twelve boxes of cartridges.[680] This would not be the only such incident. In 1950 thirteen guns and $307.80 was stolen from the shop,[681] and in 1957 the Sporting Goods Store was the location of a major theft, said to be "one of the largest hauls made in the Cape Girardeau area in recent years."[682]

In 1950, "Summers Sporting Goods" became "Summers Sport Shop" and was moved to 30 South Spanish Street, near the Mississippi and right in the heart of Cape Girardeau.[683]

1950 MARKED THE OPENING OF OUR MODERN SPORTING GOODS STORE AT 30 SOUTH SPANISH
Make Summers Sport Shop Your Headquarters for 1951
• GUNS • AMMUNITION • FISHING TACKLE
• BOATS • OUTBOARD MOTORS
SUMMERS SPORT SHOP
30 S. SPANISH CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO. PHONE 654

The Southeast Missourian, 27 Jan 1951

John marketed his new establishment full blast. He was active in the all the major civic organizations. He even produced a series of cartoon advertisements, "Sportoons," which were published in the *Southwest Missourian* newspaper. In 1958, he opened a new marine store, near his Sport Shop.[684] He did suffer some setbacks. There were the robberies, mentioned earlier, and on 29 Jul 1952, John's building was severely fire damaged when a camp stove he was working on exploded.[685]



Sagamore Yearbook, Southeast Missouri State, 1949.

SPORTOONS
BY PETE SUMMERS
"Are you sure you heard it yell for help?"
Are you sure you're all prepared for your summer vacation? Come and browse around our store a bit and maybe you'll see something you forgot.
summers
SPORT SHOP
30 SOUTH SPANISH ST
PHONE 654
CAPE GIRARDEAU MISSOURI

Southeast Missourian, 7 Jun 1951.

Then in 1952 John Summers had something very good happen. In Vigo County, Indiana, on 13 Oct 1952, he married Dorothy Louise Drerup.[686] Dorothy and Pete had three children—Kent, Kaye, and Kelly.[687]

But John got too involved with his business, particularly with buying, selling, and trading guns. On 18 Jan 1964, John W. (Pete) Summers, proprietor of Summers Sporting Goods Store in Cape Girardeau, was arrested on a federal warrant charging him with purchase of ammunition stolen from Fort Campbell, Kentucky.[688] On 26 Apr 1965 in Nashville, Tennessee, after pleading guilty, John was sentenced to five years in prison for buying stolen ammunition.[689]

John's problem with the law undoubtedly hurt his marriage and he and Dorothy broke up. On 26 May 1982, John married Edith Muriel Eastwood.[687]

Edith Muriel had an exceedingly complicated life. Born 2 Jul 1931 in Arkansas to Willis Jesse[690] and Clara Bell (Welker)[691] Eastwood,[692] Muriel (the name she used a little more often) appears to have married five times. Her marriage to John Summers was number four.

On 2 Mar 1946 in Sikeston, Missouri, at age 14 (she claimed to be 17), Muriel had married Clyde Alvin Jenkins.[693] One might expect the marriage to have been annulled, but it actually lasted for over five years. They even had a daughter.[694] But then on 3 May 1951 in Jackson, Missouri, Muriel was granted a divorce from Clyde.[695] Clyde passed away just a few years later, in Rockford, Illinois, on 13 Jun 1960.[694]

Just four days after her divorce from Clyde, Muriel married Wesley Edward[696] ("Boodle") Urhahn.[697] Less than a year later, on 5 Nov, the couple obtained a separation and in December a divorce decree was granted in Cape Girardeau County.[698] Just prior to the separation, "Boodle" had announced his management of the "Curve Inn,"[699] apparently a drinking establishment just outside Cape Girardeau, a bar that later became "Mule Lip."

Just a month or so after the divorce, on 21 Jan 1952, Muriel married Benny O. Clark in Paragould, Arkansas.[700] It was a double ceremony. Muriel's brother, Charles, was married at the same time.[701] Again the marriage was brief. On 8 Sep 1952, in Cape Girardeau Co, Muriel was granted a divorce, with the surprising and misleading addition that "her maiden name of Edith Muriel Jenkins was restored."[702] The marriage would could have been short-lived without a divorce. Later that same year, Benny died in a tragic accident. On 24 Dec 1952 he drowned near Abbeville, Louisiana, when he fell overboard from a barge.[703]

Pete and Muriel, 26 Jul 1982

Muriel and Wesley Urhahn apparently reunited. They were with each other until Wesley's death on 14 Aug 1981, a union that produced two sons and three daughters.[697] The following year Muriel married Pete.

Muriel was probably married one more time, following Pete's death, as she appears as "Edith Muriel Taylor" in post-1995 newspaper articles involving descendants from her second marriage.[704,705,706] That last husband is claimed by some to be James Edward Taylor of Cape Girardeau. But proof has yet to be found. When Muriel passed away on 11 Jun 2011 she was buried sharing a stone with her second husband, Wesley Urhahn, in Saint Denis Cemetery, Benton, Missouri, the resting place of at least thirty-five Urhahns.[707]

On 20 Dec 1989, John William Summers Jr. passed on in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, at the age of 65.[687] He was buried in New Lorimier Cemetery, Cape Girardeau, the resting place of several Summerses.[550]

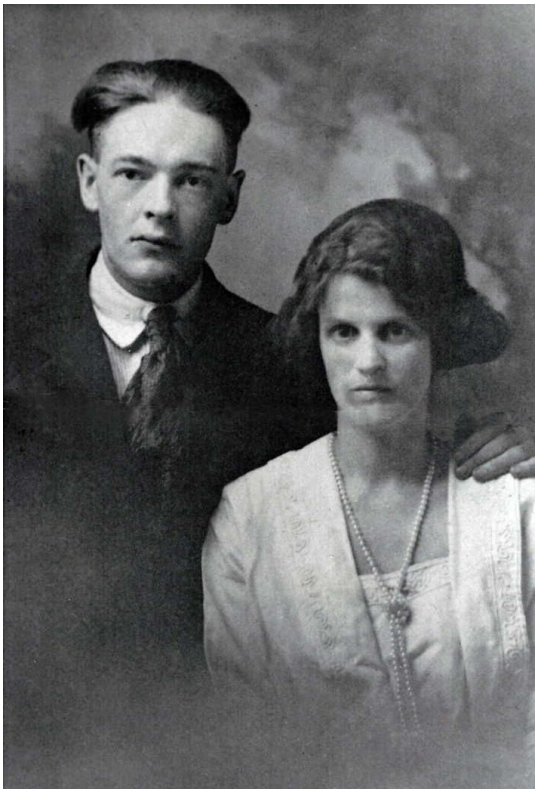
Michael Franklin Summers

Born Michael Franklin Summers, 10 Mar 1927, in Wittenberg, Missouri, Missouri, John and Verne's last-born child probably had but faint memories of that town.[708] Mike was just four years old when his family moved to Pocahontas, Arkansas, and he was only five when his father died. Mike spent most of his childhood and all of his adolescence in Cape Girardeau, living with his mother and siblings in a downstairs room at Verne Summers's boarding house.

Betty Lou Jenkins Summers. (Mandy Belker, *Ancestry.com*)

On 13 Dec 1942, Mike married Betty Lou Jenkins at Christ Episcopal Church in Gape Girardeau.[709] Mike probably met Betty at Central High School, in Cape Girardeau, but neither Betty nor Mike are found in any list of graduates, probably because the two got married and had a child before finishing high school. Both were only fifteen when they were married, and the marriage license required the consent of their mothers.[709] Census data indicate that Betty was scheduled to graduate around 1944 and Michael around 1945.[710,578] Mike did eventually graduate from Central High School,[711] and presumably so did Betty.

Miachael F. Summers. (Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy yearbook, 1950)



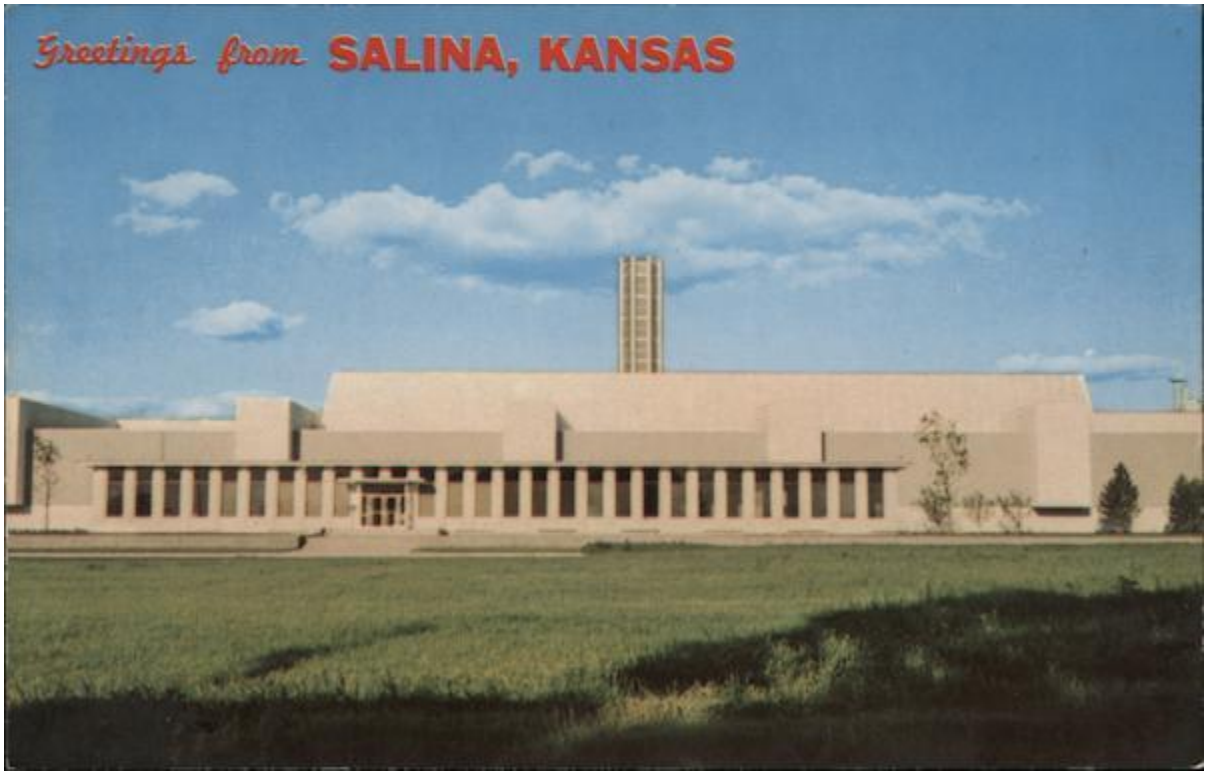
Harry anjd Mary Jenkins. (*Find a Grave*)

Betty Lou Jenkins was one of seven children of Harry and Mary M. (Drum)[712] Jenkins.[710] Both Harry, who was born in the small village of Oak Ridge, Missouri, on 26 Aug 1899,[713] and Mary, who was born in the even smaller village (just a wide spot in the road) of Daisy, Missouri, on 15 Sep 1896,[714] lived their entire lives in Cape Girardeau County. They lived nearly all their married lives in the town of Cape Girardeau, where Harry worked as a laster for the International Shoe Company.[715,716]

Seeing that he was soon going to have a family to support, Mike dropped out of school and in October 1942 took a job in St. Louis as a ticket filer for the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway, the "Frisco."[717] This had, of course, been his father's employer, so perhaps Mike had some contacts to get the job. When he was hired by the Frisco, Mike knocked a year off his birthdate, probably because age fifteen might seem too young.[717] After marriage, Mike worked for the Frisco for a while and then started school at Southeast Missouri State Teachers College in Cape Girardeau, transferring to Missouri School of Mines

and Metallurgy in Rolla in 1950.[718,719] While he was living in Rolla,[720] Mike's wife and his first child, Jon Michael, were provided room and board at his mother's boarding house in Cape Girardeau.[579]

In 1951, Mike graduated from the School of Mines with a B.S. in Ceramic Engineering, and that year started a long and illustrious career with a job with Ferro Corporation in Cleveland, Ohio.[721] Then, in 1956 he joined General Electric in Logan, Ohio, working as a glass process engineer, after which in 1962, he became an engineering supervisor of a Westinghouse glass plant in Fairmont, West Virginia, and then in 1966 superintendent of a new Westinghouse lamp plant in Salina, Kansas.[711] His final job was with North American Philips Lighting in Fairmont, West Virginia.[722]



Postcard, Westinghouse Fluorescent Lamp Plant.

After retiring from Philips, Michael passed away on 26 Feb 1992 in Fairmont.[722] His ashes are interred in New Lorimier Cemetery, Cape Girardeau, where his parents and two siblings rest.[550]

After Mike's death, Betty moved to Pittsburgh, near where Jon, her oldest child lived.[723,724] And last she moved to Spokane, Washington, where she was living in 2013 and where she passed away on 1 May 2017.[725,726] She was laid to rest alongside Michael in New Lorimier Cemetery.[727]

Michael and Betty had three children, two boys and a girl: Jon Michael (4 Feb 1943-12 May 2020),[728,729] Steven Christopher (5 Oct 1952- 30 May 2004),[730] and Laurie Kimball.[722,731]

Descendants of Thomas and Rosanna Summers of Delaware

Caution! This list is exceedingly incomplete.

1 Thomas Summers Sr b. _____ d. 1749
m. Rosanna ? d. 1751
2 Thomas Summers Jr b. _____
2 John Summers Sr b. _____ d. Apr 1770
m. Mary Chadwick
[daughter of James Chadwick]
3 Thomas Summers b. _____
3 James Summers b. _____
3 Mary Summers b. _____
3 Nanney Summers b. _____
3 Bety Summers b. _____
3 John Summers Jr. b. _____
3 Sarah Summers b. _____
3 Nathan Summers b. _____
3 Nathaniel Summers b. _____
3 David Summers b. _____
3 Niley Summers b. _____
3 Tily Summers b. _____
2 William Summers b. _____ d. 1777
m. Elizabeth ?
3 Betty Summers b. _____
3 Jeremiah Summers b. _____
3 Major Summers b. _____
3 Anna Summers b. _____
3 Jonathan Summers b. _____
3 Esther Summers b. _____
2 Joseph Summers b. 1749 d. 5 Oct 1839
m. Mary Jackson m. c Aug 1774 b. c1755
[daughter of William Jackson and Margaret ?]
3 Margaret Summers b. c1777 d. c1857
m. James Smothers m. 2 Apr 1795 b. c1771 d. 26 Aug 1814
[son of Thomas Smothers Sr. and Susanna ?]
4 Thomas Smothers b. _____
4 Andrew J. Smothers b. c1809 d. 1895
m. Mary Summers m. 13 Aug 1827 b. 22 Jun 1807 d. 26 Jul 1872
[daughter of William Summers and Jane Ross]
5 Jane Smothers b. 1828 - 1829
5 Martha Smothers b. 1830 - 1831
5 James William Smothers b. 1833 - 1834
5 Melonia Smothers b. 1836 - 1837
5 Sophronia Smothers b. 2 Feb 1841 d. 13 May 1934
5 Adaline Smothers b. 1841 - 1842
5 Emily Smothers b. 1845 - 1846
5 John Milby Smothers b. 1848 - 1849
5 Oscar Smothers b. 30 Nov 1852 d. 25 Dec 1935
m. Mary A. ? b. 26 Oct 1856 d. 3 Feb 1909
5 Edgar Smothers b. _____
4 John Smothers b. c1813
m. Charity Strickland m. 1833 b. 1813 - 1815
5 Jonathan Smothers b. 1833 - 1835
m. Caroline Young m. 6 Mar 1856 b. 1938 - 1839
5 Margaret Smothers b. 1836 - 1837
5 James Smothers b. 1841 - 1843
5 Andrew J. Smothers b. 1843 - 1845

5 Mary J. Smothers b. Oct 1849
5 Thomas J. Smothers b. 1852 - 1853
5 George W. Smothers b. 1854 - 1855
3 Mary Polly Summers b. c1781 d. aft 1850
m. Joseph Sebastian m. 24 Mar 1800 b. c1778 d. c Jul 1865
4 Matilda Sebastian b. _____
m. ? Randolph
4 Isaac Sebastian b. _____
4 Nancy Sebastian b. _____
m. Daniel Whitaker
4 Jane Sebastian b. _____
m. John Warren
3 Thomas Summers Sr. b. c1783 d. 5 Oct 1864
m. Priscilla Summers m. 3 Dec 1804 b. c1780 d. aft 1870
[daughter of William E. Summers and Unknown Spouse]
4 James Summers b. c1802 d. 13 Feb 1892
m. Nancy Pickering m. 25 Mar 1828 b. 1800 - 1804 d. 13 Feb 1895
5 Cassander A, Summers b. 1827 - 1828 d. by 1870
m. Moses Duckworth m. 5 Mar 1851 b. 1835 d. by 1870
[son of John Duckworth and Catherine Burlison]
m. William Carroll Summers m. 10 Dec 1862 b. 28 Dec 1839 d. 8 Feb 1904
[son of William K. Summers and Elizabeth Whittington]
[Children of Cassander A, Summers and Moses Duckworth]
6 James H. Duckworth b. 30 Jun 1852 d. 22 Oct 1925
m. Mary E. Summers m. 10 Aug 1873 b. Aug 1847 d. 1910 - 1920
[daughter of John K. Summers and Elizabeth Larken]
7 Lawrence Duckworth b. c1874
m. Ida May Lord m. 3 Sep 1898
8 Thelma Duckworth b. c1900
7 Orvil Duckworth b. Jan 1878 d. 1943
m. Mabel Dewberry m. 25 Oct 1908 b. 1887 d. 1950
7 Richard Duckworth b. Mar 1880
8 David Duckworth b. _____
9 Glenda Duckworth b. _____
10 Laurence Jones b. _____
7 Robert Duckworth b. Jul 1881
7 Humbert Duckworth b. Apr 1884 d. 1954
m. Viola Gyngard m. 22 May 1912 b. c1894
m. Clara Belle Mauk b. 28 Sep 1895 d. 20 Mar 1979
[daughter of William Mauck and Jo Ella Marshbank]
[Children of Humbert Duckworth and Clara Belle Mauk]
8 Charles Duckworth b. _____
8 Harold Duckworth b. _____
8 Lowell Duckworth b. _____
8 Helen May Duckworth b. 1919
m. ? Simpson
8 Margaret Duckworth b. _____
m. ? Schneider
6 John Wilson Duckworth b. 25 Jan 1854 d. 6 Mar 1938
m. Elizabeth Ann Summers m. 10 Oct 1875 b. 11 Apr 1858 d. 27 Apr 1939
[daughter of George W. Summers and Julia Ann Robinson]
7 Arthur Duckworth b. c1878
8 Louetta Duckworth b. _____
9 Donald Nally b. _____
7 Herman Duckworth b. Jun 1879
7 Enoch Duckworth b. Apr 1882
7 Taylor Duckworth b. Oct 1891
7 Oscar Duckworth b. Apr 1895
7 Pauline Duckworth b. Dec 1897

7 John Cambron Duckworth b. May 1900 d. 1968
m. Ruth Royster b. 1908 d. 1974
6 Sarah E. Duckworth b. c1855
m. Enoch Summers m. 5 Mar 1874 b. c1854
[son of Harper Summers and Phebe Swafford]
7 Ora Summers b. c1875
7 Oma Summers b. c1878
7 Alonzo Summers b. c1879
6 Nancy J. Duckworth b. Feb 1860
5 Elizabeth Summers b. c1829
m. John Moore m. 12 Dec 1848
m. Joseph H. Burlison m. 3 May 1854 b. c1836
[son of Aaron Burlison and Elizabeth Hampton]
[Children of Elizabeth Summers and Joseph H. Burlison]
6 Joseph Burlison b. c1859
6 James A. Burlison b. c1861
6 Huston Burlison b. c1864
6 Ida Burlison b. c1869
5 Rebecca Summers b. 1831 - 1832
m. Jasper N. Williams m. 5 Jan 1854 b. 1832 -1833
[son of John Williams and Rebecca Summers]
5 Mary Jane Summers b. Nov 1833
m. Elisha Summers m. 11 Jun 1857 b. 26 Mar 1828 d. 1 Jan 1880
[son of Robert Summers Sr. and Sally Briley]
6 Sarah E. Summers b. 8 Jun 1858 d. 21 Sep 1890
George Proctor
m. Henry E. Clark m. 1885 b. c1854
[son of James J. Clark and Elizabeth Brewer]
[Children of Sarah E. Summers and George Proctor]
7 Lawrence Monroe Summers b. 30 Mar 1878 d. 15 Dec 1943
m. Emma F. Adams m. 1900 b. 28 Dec 1875 d. 22 Mar 1960
[daughter of Jackson Adams and ? Miller]
8 Aden Summers b. 7 May 1905
6 Ida May Summers b. 10 May 1873 d. 6 Apr 1958
m. Daniel Summers Jr. m. 6 Jan 1889 b. 1867 d. 1916
[son of Daniel Summers Sr. and Mary Rebecca Frailey]
7 Floyd Summers b. 1 Mar 1892 d. 31 Jan 1948
7 Roy Summers b. Feb 1895
7 Mary E. Summers b. Aug 1896
5 Sarah A. Summers b. 1834 - 1836
m. Wilson Jackson m. 23 Dec 1859 b. c1830
[son of William Jackson and Elizabeth Summers]
m. John Blackburn m. 3 Oct 1867
m. James Y. Mohundro m. 20 Nov 1881
5 Scott Summers b. 1835 - 1838
m. Isabell Plasters m. 8 Dec 1861 d. 1861 - 1864
m. Malinda J. Launius m. 20 Jun 1864 b. c1848
[daughter of John Wesley Launius Jr. and Rebecca Summers]
[Children of Scott Summers and Isabell Plasters]
6 Elizabeth Summers b. 1858 - 1859
[Children of Scott Summers and Malinda J. Launius]
6 Warren Summers b. 4 Nov 1866 d. 24 Dec 1902
m. Lillie Sullivan m. 1890
6 Sampson Scott Summers b. 1868 - 1869
6 Joseph Summers b. _____
6 James Summers b. _____
6 Malachi Summers b. _____
6 Sarah Summers b. _____
6 Oscar Summers b. _____

6 Eli Summers b. _____
m. Lillie Sullivan
7 Lloyd Summers b. _____
m. Willie Bowlin
8 Lawrence Leroy Summers b. 6 Feb 1927 d. 22 Mar 2008
m. Eva Joan Reynolds m. 13 Aug 1950 d. 2 Oct 2007
9 Lawrence R. Summers b. _____
9 Martin F. Summers b. _____
9 Vanessa J. Summers b. _____
6 Daniel Summers b. _____
6 Ruth Summers b. _____
5 Eliza Summers b. 1839 - 1840
m. Akin Plasters m. 24 Jan 1861
5 Huston Summers b. 22 Oct 1841 d. 22 Feb 1933
m. Margaret J. Akin m. 30 Jul 1868 b. 27 Oct 1845 d. 26 Apr 1936
6 James M. Summers b. 1869 - 1870
m. Paralee Gaither m. 24 May 1894 b. 1870 - 1872
[daughter of James Mandrix Summers and Mary Malinda Clark]
6 Wilson Summers b. 1871 - 1872
m. Ruth Summers m. 1902 b. 1874 - 1875
[daughter of George Summers and Mary Virginia Allen]
7 Roxie Summers b. 1901 - 1902
7 Elza R. Summers b. 29 May 1905 d. 23 Apr 1967
m. Julia Ann Hatchett b. 20 Oct 1897 d. 29 Nov 1982
[daughter of Charles Wesley Hatchett and Millie Ann Summers]
6 Edgar Summers b. 1876 - 1877
6 Jode Joseph Summers b. 31 Mar 1879 d. 26 Dec 1967
m. Dora Plasters m. 29 Sep 1900 b. 17 Apr 1883 d. 23 Jun 1964
7 Herman Summers b. _____
6 Nannie Summers b. _____
m. ? Frey
6 Goldie Summers b. _____
m. ? Chaplin
6 Elizabeth Summers b. _____
m. ? Cook
6 Alta Summers b. _____
m. ? Cremeens
5 Narcissa Malinda Summers b. 13 Sep 1843 d. 21 Jan 1925
m. William Marion Jackson Sr. m. 18 Apr 1861 b. 15 Nov 1838 d. 2 Aug 1863
[son of James Jackson and Elizabeth Ann King]
m. Eli Summers Sr. m. 2 Jun 1864 b. 15 Jan 1842 d. 14 Sep 1921
[son of Harper Summers and Phebe Swafford]
[Children of Narcissa Malinda Summers and William Marion Jackson Sr.]
6 William Marion Jackson Jr. b. 1861 - 1862
m. Mary Ann Varner m. 16 Nov 1881
7 Alfred Jackson b. _____
[Children of Narcissa Malinda Summers and Eli Summers Sr.]
6 James Ellsworth Summers b. 1864 d. 1951
m. Lydia Smith m. 1887 b. c1867
[daughter of William Smith and Nancy Plasters]
m. Minnie J. Miller m. 10 Sep 1891 b. Jan 1876
[Children of James Ellsworth Summers and Lydia Smith]
7 Weldon Summers b. 12 May 1867 d. 12 Mar 1972
m. Rea Perryman m. 16 Oct 1910
m. Ida Rogers
[Children of Weldon Summers and Rea Perryman]
8 Lodesia Summers b. 1 Jun 1910 d. 1 Oct 1915
[Children of James Ellsworth Summers and Minnie J. Miller]
7 Charles Summers b. Aug 1891 d. Feb 1970

m. Anna Plasters m. 25 Oct 1913
m. Maggie ? b. 1899 d. 1995
7 Eli Summers b. Mar 1894
7 Smith Summers b. Dec 1896
m. Sylvia McFarland
8 Billie D. Summers b. 5 Nov 1929 d. 8 Jul 2008
m. Patsy A. Shockley m. 30 Jun 1950 b. 20 Jul 1933
9 Melody Summers b. _____
m. Lowell Person
10 Tyler Person b. _____
m. Christina ?
10 Kelsey Person b. _____
8 Wanda Summers b. _____
m. Lyle Beard
9 David Beard b. _____
9 Brenda Beard b. _____
m. ? Gibbons
7 Ruie Summers b. Oct 1899 d. 18 Dec 1979
m. Opal Perryman m. 4 Oct 1917 b. 8 Aug 1892 d. 21 Mar 1981
[son of Warren E. Perryman and Narcissus Plasters]
8 Floy Perryman b. _____
m. ? Linder
9 John D. Linder b. _____
7 Rue Summers b. 13 Jul 1903 d. 17 Jan 1997
m. Earl W Manion m. 25 Dec 1921 d. 28 Aug 1950
6 Sarah Florence Summers b. 17 Aug 1868 d. 23 Mar 1934
m. J. R. Burlison
6 Ida Mae Summers b. 1869 d. 1900
m. John Thomas Gammon m. 24 Jun 1891
7 Delsa Gammon b. 28 Sep 1893 d. 13 Sep 1974
m. Emon Schwade
m. Louis Melandrone
7 Cora Gammon b. _____
m. ? Hobbs
7 Bessie Gammon b. _____
m. ? Shepherd
6 Eli Wilson Summers Jr. b. 1872 d. 1954
m. Paralee Gaither m. 31 Oct 1890 b. 1870 - 1872
[daughter of James Mandrix Summers and Mary Malinda Clark]
m. Nellie F. Miller m. 22 May 1894 b. 1877 d. 1970
[Children of Eli Wilson Summers Jr. and Nellie F. Miller]
7 Essie Summers b. Jul 1895
7 May Summers b. _____ d. bef 2012
m. ? Plasters
7 Judy Summers b. 1902 d. 1904
7 Agnes Summers b. _____ d. bef 2012
m. ? Hatchett
7 Oren Summers b. 13 Nov 1908 d. 10 May 2001
m. Edna Dial m. 11 Aug 1945
8 Sheila Summers b. _____
m. Richard Garfat
8 Noel Summers b. _____
m. Nancy ?
8 Pam Summers b. _____
m. Bill Richards
8 Tim Summers b. _____
m. Dana ?
7 Paul Summers b. _____ d. bef 2012
7 Dempsey Summers b. 15 Feb 1914 d. 3 Oct 2012

m. Louise Scelonge m. 18 May 1940 d. 6 May 1987
8 Barbara Summers b. _____
m. ? Johnston
9 Lynne Angeliqaue Johnston (details excluded)
m. Curtis Westra (details excluded)
10 Patrick Westra b. _____
10 Megan Westra (details excluded)
8 Susan Summers b. _____
m. William O'Shea
7 Ruth Summers b. _____
m. ? McClerren
6 Theodore Summers b. 1876 d. 1958
m. Mary Miller m. 1901 b. 1881 d. 1964
[son of Charley Miller and Jane Smith]
6 Rado Summers b. 14 Oct 1874 d. 10 Apr 1938
m. William M. Biggs m. 18 Feb 1897 b. 1871 d. 1958
6 Osco Summers b. 30 Sep 1877 d. 28 Oct 1879
6 Elmer Guy Summers b. 2 Jul 1882
5 James Mandrix Summers b. 10 Jun 1845 d. 28 Apr 1922
Mary Malinda Clark b. 1839 - 1840 d. 1925
[daughter of James J. Clark and Elizabeth Brewer]
m. Mary Jane Akin m. 7 Sep 1872 b. 8 May 1853 d. 6 Dec 1920
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6 Charles Summers b. _____
6 Porter Summers b. _____
6 Elmer Taylor Summers b. 9 Jun 1890 d. 17 Dec 1897
6 Dora Summers b. _____
m. ? Harris
6 Effie Summers b. _____
m. ? Harris
6 Mabel Palestine Summers b. 25 Jan 1881 d. 16 May 1966
m. William D. Tippet m. 1904 b. c1882
5 Wilson Summers Sr. b. 1848 - 1849
4 William K. Summers b. c1804 d. 10 Dec 1870
m. Elizabeth Whittington m. c1830 b. 1811 - 1820 d. 1849 - 1850
m. Elizabeth Jane Nichols m. 12 Mar 1850 b. c1830 d. 2 Apr 1882
[Children of William K. Summers and Elizabeth Whittington]
5 John R. Summers b. Oct 1834 d. aft 1900
m. Sarah Ann Hudson m. 21 Sep 1855 b. c1832 d. 1880 - 1900
6 Elzina E. Summers b. May 1860 d. by 1870
6 Sarah J. Summers b. May 1860 d. by 1870
6 John W. Summers b. 9 Apr 1864 d. 18 Oct 1940
m. Iva Ann Broyles m. c1887 b. Mar 1869 d. 1910
[daughter of Lewis Broyles and Ellen Waller]
m. Mary Katherine Rose b. 5 Apr 1875 d. 9 May 1940
[daughter of James A. Rose and Minerva E. Foster]
[Children of John W. Summers and Iva Ann Broyles]
7 Eva Summers b. Nov 1890
m. Elmer Waller m. 8 Mar 1911 b. c1881
[son of W. S. Waller and Allie Foster]
7 Margaret Summers b. 19 Mar 1894 d. 21 Jan 1932
m. N. H. Watson
7 Gertie Summers b. Jul 1898

7 Randle P. Summers b. 1899 - 1900
7 Edith Summers b. 1901 - 1902
7 Herman Summers b. 1906 - 1907
6 William Julian Summers b. 16 May 1865 d. 27 Nov 1942
m. Margaret E. ? m. 1888 - 1889 b. 17 May 1872 d. 18 May 1905
m. Roena Ann Batts m. 1906 b. 7 May 1871 d. 30 Oct 1939
[daughter of John Batts and Gustava Poole]
[Children of William Julian Summers and Margaret E. ?]
7 Lewis A. Summers b. Feb 1890
7 Benjamin R. Summers b. 11 Nov 1892 d. 18 Mar 1925
m. Lulla ? b. 7 Jul 1896 d. 18 Mar 1925
7 Hillary E. Summers b. Jun 1896 d. 1924
7 George L. Summers b. 13 Oct 1898
m. Sydney F. b. 17 Sep 1898 d. 9 Dec 1935
8 Glenn Summers b. 17 Sep 1819 d. 10 Sep 1937
8 Wilma Fay Summers b. Apr 1924 d. May 1924
6 Easter A. Summers b. 1871 - 1872 d. 1946
m. Emerson Miller Reed b. 5 Nov 1870 d. 10 Jun 1942
[son of John Reed]
7 Chrystal Elaine Reed b. 11 Feb 1919 d. 11 Dec 1994
m. ? McDonald
6 Daniel Summers b. 1874 - 1875
m. Allie Ann Rutter
7 Floyd Daniel Summers b. _____
m. Grace Mae Wheatley
8 Danny Ray Summers b. _____
8 Floyd Ronald Summers b. _____
5 Martha Summers b. 10 Aug 1835 d. 26 Jun 1899
m. Joseph Collins m. 30 Nov 1852 b. 2 Aug 1828 d. 31 Aug 1898
6 Sarah Elizabeth Collins b. 1853 - 1855
m. William Plasters Jr. m. 14 Oct 1869 b. 1849 - 1853
[son of William Plasters Sr. and Sarah Irby]
7 Florida E. Plasters b. 1876 - 1877
5 William Carroll Summers b. 28 Dec 1839 d. 8 Feb 1904
m. Cassander A, Summers m. 10 Dec 1862 b. 1827 - 1828 d. by 1870
[daughter of James Summers and Nancy Pickering]
m. Elizabeth Eleanor Collie m. 20 Oct 1871 b. 1843 d. 1884
[daughter of William Collie and Elizabeth ?]
m. Margaret ? m. c1894 b. Nov 1829
[Children of William Carroll Summers and Elizabeth Eleanor Collie]
6 John Franklin Summers Sr. b. 12 Sep 1872 d. 25 Mar 1931
m. Matildia Ellis m. 6 Sep 1896 b. c1880
7 Thomas L. Summers b. _____
7 John Franklin Summers Jr. b. _____
7 Ellis Summers b. _____
7 Carroll Summers b. _____
7 Daisy Summers b. _____
7 Edward Hall Summers b. 2 Feb 1915
7 Lily Summers b. _____
6 Vital Lesea Summers b. Oct 1875 d. 3 May 1932
m. Page Rankine m. 4 Apr 1918 b. c1884
6 Clemens Dariac Summers b. 23 Dec 1877 d. 9 Nov 1950
6 Martha Ann Summers b. _____
m. ? Johnson b. 1880 - 1883
5 Tamzil Summers b. 15 Jan 1839 d. 26 Jan 1924
m. Joel Clayborn Hobbs m. 24 Jul 1862 b. 1839 - 1840 d. 24 Apr 1863
[son of Joel Hobbs and Louisa Hobbs]
m. Lewis A. Gough m. 15 Aug 1866 b. c1843 d. 1875 - 1880
[son of Green Gough and Maria Keister]

[Children of Tamzil Summers and Joel Clayborn Hobbs]
6 Joseph C. Hobbs b. Apr 1863
[Children of Tamzil Summers and Lewis A. Gough]
6 William Albert Gough b. 27 May 1867
m. Lillie Harrison b. 1873 d. 1950
7 Asa Riley Goff b. 30 Jul 1891
6 C. E. Gough b. 1868 - 1869
6 Luella E. Gough b. 1870 - 1871
6 Samuel S. Gough b. 1875 - 1876
5 Prudence Summers b. Mar 1840 d. 1900 - 1910
m. Thomas Marshall Summers m. 20 Jan 1867 b. c1845
[son of Thomas Summers Jr. and Aletha McClusky]
m. Braxton P. Cook m. 21 Jun 1874 b. 19 Dec 1836 d. 14 Jul 1889
[Children of Prudence Summers and Thomas Marshall Summers]
6 Charles M. Summers b. 18 Feb 1870 d. 6 Oct 1941
m. Emma Jordan m. 30 Jul 1890
m. Martha E. Harris m. 18 Nov 1908
m. Lillie Harrison m. 11 Oct 1910 b. 1873 d. 1950
[Children of Charles M. Summers and Emma Jordan]
7 Iva M. Summers b. Oct 1891
[Children of Charles M. Summers and Lillie Harrison]
7 Vinedia Summers b. 29 Apr 1916 d. 21 Jan 1998
[Children of Prudence Summers and Braxton P. Cook]
6 Robert Franklin Cook b. 4 Jul 1875
m. Minnie Harrison b. 2 Dec 1874 d. 3 Jan 1920
5 Benjamin T. R. Summers b. Aug 1845 d. 7 May 1918
m. Melvina Summers m. 20 Jan 1867 b. 33 Dec 1845 d. 6 Jul 1926
[daughter of Thomas Summers Jr. and Aletha McClusky]
6 Malinda Summers b. 1866 - 1867 d. by 1880
6 Grant Summers b. Oct 1869 d. by 1880
6 Luada ("Ada") Summers b. 11 Jun 1874 d. 2 Mar 1962
m. Commodore Knapper m. 1907
6 Nora Ellen Summers b. 23 Jul 1875 d. 19 Nov 1964
m. Albert J Fisher
7 Mary Lola Fisher b. c1895
m. Burrell Chaplin m. 1915
6 Martha E. Summers b. 26 Aug 1883
5 Mary Elizabeth Jane Summers b. c1847
[Children of William K. Summers and Elizabeth Jane Nichols]
5 James Jordan Summers b. c1852 d. 14 May 1890
m. Unknown Spouse
m. Rosetta Freelove Cole m. 25 Jul 1879 b. c1864 d. by Jan 1889
[daughter of Robert S. Cole and Lucy ?]
m. Lucinda Russell m. 30 Jan 1889 b. c1852 d. c1897
[daughter of Lewis Jackson Russell and Lucretia Funkhouser]
[Children of James Jordan Summers and Rosetta Freelove Cole]
6 William Summers b. Oct 1881
6 Mary Elizabeth Summers b. 23 Oct 1884 d. 22 Dec 1965
m. William David Keller m. 16 Nov 1900 b. 21 Feb 1880 d. 28 May 1945
[son of William David Keller and Louise McGraw]
m. Joseph Eich m. 5 Nov 1917 b. 12 Sep 1875 d. 13 Jan 1944
m. Albert Granville Craig m. 1948 b. 17 Jun 1874 d. 19 Nov 1966
[son of William Craig and Louise McChristy]
[Children of Mary Elizabeth Summers and William David Keller]
7 Carlus Clinton Keller, Sr b. 23 Dec 1905 d. 1 Dec 1977
m. Lima Rhea Nott m. 14 Jun 1926 b. 15 Nov 1906 d. Jan 1991
[daughter of W. H. Nott and Ada Jones]
8 Carlus Clinton Keller, Jr. b. 24 Apr 1927 d. 8 Feb 2000
m. Jacqueline Loue Robb m. 7 Jun 1947

8 Barbara Jean Keller b. 17 Jul 1932 d. 7 Mar 1990
m. William Ellis Eckles, Jr.
9 Nancy Ann Eckles (details excluded)
m. ? Townsend (details excluded)
9 Karen Jean Eckles (details excluded)
Jerry Wallace Meeks b. 10 Jul 1962 d. 1 Oct 2010
m. John Richard Silva b. 4 Oct 1963 d. Nov 1988
[son of Anthony W. Silva and Elizabeth Dorothy Debrumm]
m. Jeffrey Paul Butterfield (details excluded)
[Children of Karen Jean Eckles and Jerry Wallace Meeks]
10 Katharyne Jane Silva (details excluded)
m. Brandon Belew (details excluded)
[son of Kent Belew and Laurie Ann Garrett]
11 Bryce Belew b. _____
[Children of James Jordan Summers and Lucinda Russell]
6 John William Summers Sr. b. 4 Sep 1889 d. 21 Dec 1932
m. Verne Cumi Crabtree m. 5 Feb 1911 b. 17 Oct 1889 d. 17 Jul 1970
[daughter of John Adam Crabtree and Talitha Cumi Dillard]
7 Mildred Katherine Summers b. 1 Jan 1912 d. 22 Jan 1976
m. Leo Newman m. 24 Sep 1966 b. 2 Aug 1908 d. 5 Aug 1992
[son of Joseph Newman and Theresa Fox]
7 Dale Winston Summers b. 5 Mar 1913 d. 18 Oct 1975
m. Eloise Marie Wehner m. 31 May 1941 b. 25 Mar 1913 d. 28 Jul 1987
[daughter of John Edward Wehner and Leona Mary Naumann]
8 Mary Frances Summers (details excluded)
m. Robert Edwin Tapscott (details excluded)
[son of Glenn Daniel Tapscott and Mary Emaline Imle]
9 Michael Kevin Tapscott (details excluded)
m. Linda Lee Nemcek (details excluded)
[daughter of Donald Stephen Nemcek and Judith Ann Lindahl]
m. Darryl Lynn Keppler (details excluded)
[daughter of Warren J. Keppler and Carol R. Clark]
[Children of Michael Kevin Tapscott and Linda Lee Nemcek]
10 Cody Austin Tapscott (details excluded)
10 Corina Rachel Tapscott (details excluded)
m. Jonathon Richard-Lin Novoa (details excluded)
[son of Richard Kevin Novoa and Kathryn Pulsipher]
8 Barbara Eloise Summers (details excluded)
m. Gerald Wyatt Dobbs b. 18 Apr 1947 d. 9 Jun 1994
[son of George Dobbs and Theodosia Jones]
m. Robert Stanley Summers (details excluded)
[son of Albert Fisch and Beverly Jean Blume]
[Children of Barbara Eloise Summers and Gerald Wyatt Dobbs]
9 Jerry Edward Dobbs b. 9 Jan 1969 d. 5 Oct 2021
10 Kristin Dobbs b. _____
9 Alicia Maria Dobbs (details excluded)
m. James David Mosier (details excluded)
[son of James Mosier and Catherine ?]
m. Kreg Vaughan (details excluded)
m. Michael William Chadwick (details excluded)
[son of Winfred Chadwick and Linda Murphy]
[Children of Alicia Maria Dobbs and James David Mosier]
10 David Alexander Mosier (details excluded)
m. Sarah Tate (details excluded)
10 Emily Marie Mosier (details excluded)
7 Anna Marguerite Summers b. 21 Sep 1915 d. 13 Mar 1996
m. Kelley Gaylen Taylor m. 7 Nov 1942 b. 8 Jul 1915 d. 29 Feb 1996
[son of Oliver Hartley Taylor and Fannie H. Pennington]
8 Flynn Anthony Taylor (details excluded)

m. Eileen Turowski (details excluded)
[daughter of Eugene Turowski Sr. and Dolores Jarosewicz]
m. Teri Buck (details excluded)
[daughter of Richard A. Buck and Drue Terrell]
[Children of Flynn Anthony Taylor and Eileen Turowski]
9 Moira Leigh Taylor b. _____
m. Joffrey Elliott Easley m. 27 May 2000
9 Christopher Chad Taylor b. _____
8 Marley Melinda Taylor (details excluded)
7 John William Summers Jr. b. 27 Dec 1923 d. 20 Dec 1989
m. Elizabeth Ann Thomason m. 18 Aug 1946 b. 12 Dec 1924 d. May 1984
[daughter of John Will Thomason and Thelma Workman]
m. Dorothy Louise Drerup m. 13 Oct 1952 b. 12 May 1931
[daughter of Arthur Ignatius Drerup and Carlotta C. Recker]
m. Edith Muriel Eastwood m. 26 Jul 1982 b. 2 Jul 1931 d. 11 Jun 2011
[daughter of Willis Jesse Eastwood and Clara Bell Welker]
[Children of John William Summers Jr. and Elizabeth Ann Thomason]
8 John William Cooley (details excluded)
[Children of John William Summers Jr. and Dorothy Louise Drerup]
8 Peter Kent Summers (details excluded)
m. Elizabeth Greer (details excluded)
m. Barbara Stephanie Hoeffner (details excluded)
8 Kaye Summers (details excluded)
8 Kelly A. Summers (details excluded)
7 Michael Franklin Summers b. 10 Mar 1927 d. 26 Feb 1992
m. Betty Lou Jenkins m. 13 Dec 1942 b. 20 Dec 1926 d. 1 May 2017
[daughter of Harry Jenkins and Mary M. Drum]
8 Jon Michael Summers b. 4 Feb 1943 d. 12 May 2020
m. Arlene Penny Askins m. c Aug 1967 b. 4 Dec 1943 d. 10 May 2010
[daughter of Charles Askins]
Jane Wacker
8 Steven Christopher Summers b. 5 Oct 1952 d. 30 May 2004
m. Barbara Anne Elizabeth Powell (details excluded)
Vicki A. Wittecar
[Children of Steven Christopher Summers and Barbara Anne Elizabeth Powell]
9 Rachael Anne Summers (details excluded)
m. ? Kroger (details excluded)
9 Jessica Nicole Summers (details excluded)
9 Lauren Michelle Summers b. _____ d. bef 30 May 2004
8 Laurie Kimball Summers (details excluded)
m. John Harrison King II (details excluded)
[son of John Harrison King I and Unknown Spouse]
m. Gary H. Blevins (details excluded)
[Children of Laurie Kimball Summers and Gary H. Blevins]
9 Erin Margaret Blevins (details excluded)
m. William P. Rauch (details excluded)
5 Cordelia J. Summers b. c1859 d. 1880 - 1897
m. John B. Robertson m. 16 Aug 1875
m. Walter A. Whitlow m. 15 Dec 1879 b. 11 Oct 1857 d. 22 May 1913
[son of Jolson Whitlow and Margaret E. McEllan]
[Children of Cordelia J. Summers and Walter A. Whitlow]
6 ? Whitlow b. 6 Mar 1879 d. by 1880
5 Parthena A. Summers b. 10 Apr 1861 d. 30 Jun 1925
m. Elias Allman m. 14 Sep 1879 b. 17 May 1860 d. 16 Apr 1922
[son of Milton Allmon and Lodema Ellen Harper]
m. Eli Headley m. 9 Sep 1886 b. May 1834 d. 13 Feb 1909
[son of Jessie Headley and Alay ?]
[Children of Parthena A. Summers and Elias Allman]
6 Ethel M. Allmon b. Jun 1883

m. John W. Howell m. 1 Feb 1901
[Children of Parthena A. Summers and Eli Headley]
6 Everett E. Headley b. 30 May 1887 d. 18 Jul 1934
m. Ada Thompson m. 17 Sep 1910
6 Charles Headley b. 23 May 1892 d. 29 Oct 1955
m. Darlene Pena m. 2 Sep 1924 b. 1898 d. 1947
6 Gertie Headley b. c1894 d. 17 Sep 1898
6 Carrie Maude Headley b. 15 Jan 1897 d. 7 Apr 1984
m. Joseph Roy Sinkler b. 15 Nov 1896 d. 10 Apr 1989
[son of Isaac Sinkler and Rosie Fry]
7 Dorothy Sinkler b. _____
m. ? Gunter
5 Robert Franklin Summers b. 15 Oct 1865 d. 4 May 1929
m. Lelia May Saylor m. 21 Mar 1889 b. 1 Apr 1869 d. 31 Jan 1938
[daughter of Chancey O. Saylor and Fannie Jane Randels]
6 Chauncey Lee Somers b. 7 Jun 1890 d. 26 Mar 1951
m. Leyo James m. 8 Oct 1913
m. Lossie Gibson
[Children of Chauncey Lee Somers and Leyo James]
7 Clyde Somers b. _____
7 Floyd Somers b. _____
6 Fannie Letha Somers b. 7 Jul 1896
6 Clifford Elden Somers b. 29 Oct 1898 d. 1983
m. Ethel Ruby James m. 8 0ct 1919 b. 16 Nov 1896 d. 9 Jul 1967
[daughter of Charles Edward James and Mollie Mary Reser]
7 Dale Franklin Somers b. 27 Dec 1923 d. 31 Jan 2007
m. Judith Marie Naylor m. 13 Sep 1946 b. 27 Oct 1927 d. 20 May 1992
[daughter of Howard McDonald Naylor and Roberta Janice Brown]
8 Susan Kay Somers (details excluded)
m. ? Adams (details excluded)
8 Greg Lynn Somers (details excluded)
m. Kathleen A. Lindsay (details excluded)
[daughter of Dennis R. Lindsay]
8 Brian McDonald Somers (details excluded)
8 Robin Dale Somers (details excluded)
6 Iva Murriel Somers b. 3 Jan 1900 d. May 1986
m. Harry Northrup
5 Luetta Summers b. 13 Aug 1867 d. 14 Sep 1909
m. Edmond Monroe Bain m. 17 Dec 1882 b. 23 Sep 1856 d. 30 Jun 1947
[son of John S. Bain and Mary Jane McGinnis]
6 Minnie Bain b. Sep 1888
6 Haley J. Bain b. Jul 1893
m. J. Oscar Emery m. 2 Sep 1919 b. c1885
6 Clara Bain b. Nov 1897
5 Milton E. Summers b. Apr 1870 d. 1887
4 Robert Summers Sr. b. 28 Oct 1806 d. 2 Sep 1865
m. Sally Briley m. 12 Sep 1825 b. 11 Nov 1804 d. 3 Sep 1844
m. Lucinda Perkins m. 15 Feb 1845 b. 1823 - 1824 d. aft 1870
[Children of Robert Summers Sr. and Sally Briley]
5 James M. Summers b. c1826
m. Eliza J. Robison m. 27 Feb 1848 b. 1829 - 1833
6 Mary Emily Summers b. 1848 - 1849
6 Sarah J. Summers b. 1851 - 1853
6 Elvira Summers b. 1856 - 1857
6 Ellen Summers b. abt Jun 1860 d. by Jun 1870
6 Isabelle Summers b. 1862 - 1863
6 Sirena C. Summers b. 1865 - 1866
m. Daniel J. Sullivan m. 5 May 1885
6 James L. Summers b. 1868 - 1869

5 Elisha Summers b. 26 Mar 1828 d. 1 Jan 1880
m. Mahala Jackson m. 4 Jun 1848 b. 1833 - 1834 d. by Jun 1857
m. Mary Jane Summers m. 11 Jun 1857 b. Nov 1833
[daughter of James Summers and Nancy Pickering]
[Children of Elisha Summers and Mahala Jackson]
6 William Riley Summers b. 1848 - 1849
6 Robert W. Summers b. 1851 - 1853
6 Harriet Summers b. 1855 - 1857
[Children of Elisha Summers and Mary Jane Summers]
6 Sarah E. Summers b. 8 Jun 1858 d. 21 Sep 1890
George Proctor
m. Henry E. Clark m. 1885 b. c1854
[son of James J. Clark and Elizabeth Brewer]
[Children of Sarah E. Summers and George Proctor]
7 Lawrence Monroe Summers b. 30 Mar 1878 d. 15 Dec 1943
m. Emma F. Adams m. 1900 b. 28 Dec 1875 d. 22 Mar 1960
[daughter of Jackson Adams and ? Miller]
8 Aden Summers b. 7 May 1905
6 Ida May Summers b. 10 May 1873 d. 6 Apr 1958
m. Daniel Summers Jr. m. 6 Jan 1889 b. 1867 d. 1916
[son of Daniel Summers Sr. and Mary Rebecca Frailey]
7 Floyd Summers b. 1 Mar 1892 d. 31 Jan 1948
7 Roy Summers b. Feb 1895
7 Mary E. Summers b. Aug 1896
5 Elizabeth Summers b. c1830
m. Mathew Jackson m. 29 Jan 1846 b. 1822 - 1823
m. Nathaniel Jones m. 18 Jan 1855
[Children of Elizabeth Summers and Nathaniel Jones]
6 Martha Jones b. 24 Oct 1862 d. 17 Jan 1920
5 George W. Summers b. c1830
m. Julia Ann Robinson m. 6 Nov 1851 b. c1837
6 William Henderson Summers b. 1852 - 1854
m. Charlotte Duncan m. 27 Aug 1882 b. c1863
[daughter of James Duncan and Ann Trafford]
7 Ada Summers b. _____
m. Selden Doren m. 12 Mar 1908
[son of Walker Doren and Susan Linsey]
m. John F. Rollen m. 19 Feb 1917
[son of John F. Rollen and Febie Stenit]
6 Elizabeth Ann Summers b. 11 Apr 1858 d. 27 Apr 1939
m. John Wilson Duckworth m. 10 Oct 1875 b. 25 Jan 1854 d. 6 Mar 1938
[son of Moses Duckworth and Cassander A, Summers]
7 Arthur Duckworth b. c1878
8 Louetta Duckworth b. _____
9 Donald Nally b. _____
7 Herman Duckworth b. Jun 1879
7 Enoch Duckworth b. Apr 1882
7 Taylor Duckworth b. Oct 1891
7 Oscar Duckworth b. Apr 1895
7 Pauline Duckworth b. Dec 1897
7 John Cambron Duckworth b. May 1900 d. 1968
m. Ruth Royster b. 1908 d. 1974
6 Mary A. Summers b. 1859 - 1860
6 John L. Summers b. c1864
6 Helen Summers b. c1868
6 Eliza Summers b. _____
6 Randall Summers b. _____
6 Wilson Summers b. _____
5 Hiram Summers b. 31 Jul 1833

m. Sarah Jane Jones m. 19 Feb 1857 b. 1837 - 1838
6 Sarah L. Summers b. 1857 - 1858
6 Miranda Summers b. 6 May 1862 d. 14 Apr 1883
6 Mahala Summers b. 1865 - 1866
6 Ezra G. Summers b. 1867 - 1868
5 Harriet Summers b. c1836
5 William C. Summers b. 31 Dec 1838 d. 23 Jun 1907
m. Sidney Jones m. 31 Oct 1858 b. 17 Jan 1841 d. 14 Sep 1899
m. Sarah Elizabeth Estes m. 11 Apr 1901 b. c1846
[daughter of Elizabeth Ice and Laban Estes]
[Children of William C. Summers and Sidney Jones]
6 Mahala Summers b. 6 Nov 1861 d. 30 Apr 1871
6 Willie Summers b. c May 1863 d. 23 May 1864
6 Infant Daughter b. 24 Sep 1868 d. 1 Oct 1868
6 Ellen Summers b. _____
6 Robert Andrew Summers b. 3 Feb 1867 d. 14 May 1951
m. Dollie Weston m. 23 Sep 1886
6 Pollie E. Summers b. Apr 1870
m. Amos T. Abshear (details excluded)
7 Ethel Abshear b. Sep 1892
6 Lawrence Monroe Summers b. 1 Feb 1873 d. 8 Mar 1937
m. Florence ? b. 7 May 1872 d. 11 Aug 1957
6 Dudley Elker Summers b. 1874 - 1875
m. Artemesie M. Knight m. 27 Jul 1893
5 John W. Summers b. 14 Feb 1840 d. 11 Sep 1911
m. Manerva Jane Burleson m. 19 Jun 1862 b. 18 Nov 1846 d. 30 May 1920
6 William M. Summers b. c1865
6 Alvin Summers b. 14 Mar 1867 d. 36 Mar 1937
m. Elvira ? b. 9 Mar 1860 d. 23 Feb 1946
7 Bertha Summers b. 5 Aug 1896 d. 5 Feb 1910
6 Matthew Monroe Summers b. c1869
m. Martha E. Harris m. 8 Oct 1891
6 Robert Summers b. Feb 1870
6 Millard Summers b. c1872
6 Silas Summers b. c1875
6 Alonzo Summers b. 1878 d. 1913
6 Joseph Guy Summers b. 13 Mar 1880
m. Ethel Harris m. 13 Nov 1901
7 Charles Summers b. _____
m. Charlotte Winner m. 7 Dec 1946
8 Nancy Summers (details excluded)
7 Freeman Summers b. _____
6 Ursula Summers b. c1882
m. James M. Launius m. 1900 b. c1875
[son of Eliza Sanders and Braxton Parrish Launius]
5 Robert Summers Jr. b. 8 Apr 1842 d. 1 Feb 1924
m. Harriett Mills m. 19 Jun 1862 b. 6 May 1840 d. 4 Jan 1922
6 Nancy J. Summers b. 1867 - 1868
6 Demarise Summers b. Sep 1869
m. Green M. Summers Jr. m. 27 Jan 1887 b. 1861 - 1862
[son of Green Summers Sr. and Malinda Summers]
5 Harvey M. Summers b. c1843 d. 12 Oct 1863
[Children of Robert Summers Sr. and Lucinda Perkins]
5 Sarah Jane Summers b. 1845 - 1847
5 Louisa Summers b. 1848 - 1850
m. Mathew R. Ing m. 20 Apr 1864
5 Missouri C. Summers b. 1850 - 1851
m. James Summers m. 18 Mar 1868 b. 1848 - 1849
[son of Elias Summers and Priscilla Frailey]

6 Luther Clarence Summers b. _____
7 Cecil Cohn Summers b. _____
8 Robert Bruce Summers b. _____
5 Charity P. Summers b. 1854 - 1855
5 Lucinda E. Summers b. 1856 - 1858
5 Andrew J. Summers b. 1858 - 1860
5 Grant S. Summers b. 1861 - 1862
4 John K. Summers b. c1808 d. by 1864
m. Elizabeth Larken m. 20 Mar 1830 b. 1808 - 1810 d. 1860 - 1870
5 Francis M. Summers b. 1828 - 1831
5 George W. Summers b. c1832
5 William J. Summers b. 1834 - 1835
5 Isaac Summers b. 1838 - 1840
5 Elijah Summers b. 1843 - 1844
5 James K. Summers b. 1844 - 1845
5 Mary E. Summers b. Aug 1847 d. 1910 - 1920
m. Ezra K. Gilchrist m. 29 Dec 1869 b. c1829 d. 18 Jan 1873
m. James H. Duckworth m. 10 Aug 1873 b. 30 Jun 1852 d. 22 Oct 1925
[son of Moses Duckworth and Cassander A, Summers]
[Children of Mary E. Summers and Ezra K. Gilchrist]
6 William Gilchrist b. Feb 1870 d. by 1880
[Children of Mary E. Summers and James H. Duckworth]
6 Lawrence Duckworth b. c1874
m. Ida May Lord m. 3 Sep 1898
7 Thelma Duckworth b. c1900
6 Orvil Duckworth b. Jan 1878 d. 1943
m. Mabel Dewberry m. 25 Oct 1908 b. 1887 d. 1950
6 Richard Duckworth b. Mar 1880
7 David Duckworth b. _____
8 Glenda Duckworth b. _____
9 Laurence Jones b. _____
6 Robert Duckworth b. Jul 1881
6 Humbert Duckworth b. Apr 1884 d. 1954
m. Viola Gyngard m. 22 May 1912 b. c1894
m. Clara Belle Mauk b. 28 Sep 1895 d. 20 Mar 1979
[daughter of William Mauck and Jo Ella Marshbank]
[Children of Humbert Duckworth and Clara Belle Mauk]
7 Charles Duckworth b. _____
7 Harold Duckworth b. _____
7 Lowell Duckworth b. _____
7 Helen May Duckworth b. 1919
m. ? Simpson
7 Margaret Duckworth b. _____
m. ? Schneider
5 Phoebe Summers b. 1851 - 1852
4 Noah Summers b. 28 Apr 1809 d. 10 Jan 1893
m. Mary Sarah Briley m. 13 Aug 1827 b. 1807 - 1811
[daughter of William Briley and Piety ?]
m. Elizabeth Briley m. 9 Apr 1876 b. 1812 - 1813
[Children of Noah Summers and Mary Sarah Briley]
5 Green Summers Sr. b. 1825 - 1829
m. Malinda Summers m. 11 Nov 1847 b. c1825
[daughter of Isaiah Josiah Summers and Catharine ?]
6 Levi H. Summers b. 1850 - 1852
m. Sarah Samantha Allen m. 6 Aug 1873
6 Mary E. Summers b. c1854
m. Bird G Rogers m. 13 Dec 1874
m. Peter F. Summers m. 1884 b. c1832
[son of Levi Summers and Mary Price]

6 William H. Summers b. 1854 - 1855
6 Jesse F. Summers b. 1856 - 1857
6 Green M. Summers Jr. b. 1861 - 1862
m. Demarise Summers m. 27 Jan 1887 b. Sep 1869
[daughter of Robert Summers Jr. and Harriett Mills]
6 Grant Summers b. 1863 - 1864
6 George W, Summers b. _____
7 Leotis Summers b. _____
8 Gordon Lee Summers b. _____
m. Carol Lynn Baillie
9 Douglas Dale Summers b. _____
5 Martha Summers b. 1830 - 1831
m. Josiah Summers b. 1835 - 1836
[son of Isaiah Josiah Summers and Catharine ?]
5 Jesse Summers b. 1836 - 1838
m. Elizabeth Summers m. 24 Feb 1858 b. 1836 d. 6 Mar 1883
[daughter of Isaiah Josiah Summers and Catharine ?]
6 John L. Summers b. 1863 - 1864
6 Mary Summers b. 1864 - 1865
5 Caroline Summers b. 1839 - 1842
5 Sarah Ortemelia Summers b. 1842 - 1844
5 Lycurgus Summers b. 1850 - 1851
m. Rebecca E. Launius m. 8 Sep 1874 b. c1859
[daughter of John Wesley Launius Jr. and Rebecca Summers]
5 Harriet Summers b. 1853 - 1856
m. John A. Launius m. 29 Feb 1872 b. c1840
[son of John Wesley Launius Jr. and Rebecca Summers]
4 Harper Summers b. c1811 d. 1870
m. Phebe Swafford b. 1813 - 1815 d. 1870
[daughter of Samuel Swafford and Mary Larkin]
5 Sarah Jane Summers b. 10 Dec 1837 d. 7 Jan 1928
m. John Harvey McCluskey m. 30 Nov 1859
5 Eli Summers Sr. b. 15 Jan 1842 d. 14 Sep 1921
m. Narcissa Malinda Summers m. 2 Jun 1864 b. 13 Sep 1843 d. 21 Jan 1925
[daughter of James Summers and Nancy Pickering]
6 James Ellsworth Summers b. 1864 d. 1951
m. Lydia Smith m. 1887 b. c1867
[daughter of William Smith and Nancy Plasters]
m. Minnie J. Miller m. 10 Sep 1891 b. Jan 1876
[Children of James Ellsworth Summers and Lydia Smith]
7 Weldon Summers b. 12 May 1867 d. 12 Mar 1972
m. Rea Perryman m. 16 Oct 1910
m. Ida Rogers
[Children of Weldon Summers and Rea Perryman]
8 Lodesia Summers b. 1 Jun 1910 d. 1 Oct 1915
[Children of James Ellsworth Summers and Minnie J. Miller]
7 Charles Summers b. Aug 1891 d. Feb 1970
m. Anna Plasters m. 25 Oct 1913
m. Maggie ? b. 1899 d. 1995
7 Eli Summers b. Mar 1894
7 Smith Summers b. Dec 1896
m. Sylvia McFarland
8 Billie D. Summers b. 5 Nov 1929 d. 8 Jul 2008
m. Patsy A. Shockley m. 30 Jun 1950 b. 20 Jul 1933
9 Melody Summers b. _____
m. Lowell Person
10 Tyler Person b. _____
m. Christina ?
10 Kelsey Person b. _____

8 Wanda Summers b. _____
m. Lyle Beard
9 David Beard b. _____
9 Brenda Beard b. _____
m. ? Gibbons
7 Ruie Summers b. Oct 1899 d. 18 Dec 1979
m. Opal Perryman m. 4 Oct 1917 b. 8 Aug 1892 d. 21 Mar 1981
[son of Warren E. Perryman and Narcissus Plasters]
8 Floy Perryman b. _____
m. ? Linder
9 John D. Linder b. _____
7 Rue Summers b. 13 Jul 1903 d. 17 Jan 1997
m. Earl W Manion m. 25 Dec 1921 d. 28 Aug 1950
6 Sarah Florence Summers b. 17 Aug 1868 d. 23 Mar 1934
m. J. R. Burlison
6 Ida Mae Summers b. 1869 d. 1900
m. John Thomas Gammon m. 24 Jun 1891
7 Delsa Gammon b. 28 Sep 1893 d. 13 Sep 1974
m. Emon Schwade
m. Louis Melandrone
7 Cora Gammon b. _____
m. ? Hobbs
7 Bessie Gammon b. _____
m. ? Shepherd
6 Eli Wilson Summers Jr. b. 1872 d. 1954
m. Paralee Gaither m. 31 Oct 1890 b. 1870 - 1872
[daughter of James Mandrix Summers and Mary Malinda Clark]
m. Nellie F. Miller m. 22 May 1894 b. 1877 d. 1970
[Children of Eli Wilson Summers Jr. and Nellie F. Miller]
7 Essie Summers b. Jul 1895
7 May Summers b. _____ d. bef 2012
m. ? Plasters
7 Judy Summers b. 1902 d. 1904
7 Agnes Summers b. _____ d. bef 2012
m. ? Hatchett
7 Oren Summers b. 13 Nov 1908 d. 10 May 2001
m. Edna Dial m. 11 Aug 1945
8 Sheila Summers b. _____
m. Richard Garfat
8 Noel Summers b. _____
m. Nancy ?
8 Pam Summers b. _____
m. Bill Richards
8 Tim Summers b. _____
m. Dana ?
7 Paul Summers b. _____ d. bef 2012
7 Dempsey Summers b. 15 Feb 1914 d. 3 Oct 2012
m. Louise Scelonge m. 18 May 1940 d. 6 May 1987
8 Barbara Summers b. _____
m. ? Johnston
9 Lynne Angeliqaue Johnston (details excluded)
m. Curtis Westra (details excluded)
10 Patrick Westra b. _____
10 Megan Westra (details excluded)
8 Susan Summers b. _____
m. William O'Shea
7 Ruth Summers b. _____
m. ? McClerren
6 Theodore Summers b. 1876 d. 1958

m. Mary Miller m. 1901 b. 1881 d. 1964
[son of Charley Miller and Jane Smith]
6 Rado Summers b. 14 Oct 1874 d. 10 Apr 1938
m. William M. Biggs m. 18 Feb 1897 b. 1871 d. 1958
6 Osco Summers b. 30 Sep 1877 d. 28 Oct 1879
6 Elmer Guy Summers b. 2 Jul 1882
5 Calvin Summers b. 7 Nov 1844 d. 1 Feb 1932
m. Amanda Dillon m. 28 Mar 1866 b. 1844 d. 1928
6 Edgar Summers b. 1866 - 1867
6 Sue E. Summers b. 1868 - 1869
6 Charles O. Summers b. _____
m. Nancy Waller m. 1907
[daughter of George W. Waller and Lucinda Bain]
7 Ruth Ann Summers b. 6 Oct 1919 d. 29 May 2000
m. ? Barnett
6 Harmon Summers b. 1873 d. 1956
m. Dora I Miller m. 16 Nov 1898 b. 1875 d. 1929
[daughter of W. S. Miller and Missouri Dillon]
6 Alfred Summers b. 13 Jan 1878 d. 24 Oct 1908
6 Iva Summers b. 13 Jan 1878 d. 25 May 1910
m. Richard E. Thompson m. 1900 b. c1873
[son of Richard Thompson and Joley Waller]
6 Reagan Summers b. 29 May 1882 d. 3 Jun 1915
6 Clide Summers b. 29 Jan 1884 d. Feb 1974
m. Daisy M. Johnson m. 1909 b. c1884
[daughter of David Johnson and Louisa Davis]
6 Nan Charles Summers b. 1884 d. 1884
5 Mary E. Summers b. c1847
5 George Summers b. Aug 1849 d. 14 Jun 1937
m. Mary Virginia Allen m. 20 Feb 1868
6 Altha Summers b. _____
6 Ruth Summers b. 1874 - 1875
m. Wilson Summers m. 1902 b. 1871 - 1872
[son of Huston Summers and Margaret J. Akin]
7 Roxie Summers b. 1901 - 1902
7 Elza R. Summers b. 29 May 1905 d. 23 Apr 1967
m. Julia Ann Hatchett b. 20 Oct 1897 d. 29 Nov 1982
[daughter of Charles Wesley Hatchett and Millie Ann Summers]
5 Enoch Summers b. c1854
m. Sarah E. Duckworth m. 5 Mar 1874 b. c1855
[daughter of Moses Duckworth and Cassander A, Summers]
6 Ora Summers b. c1875
6 Oma Summers b. c1878
6 Alonzo Summers b. c1879
5 Martha Summers b. c1863
4 Elias Summers b. c1815 d. c1867
m. Priscilla Frailey m. c1833 b. 1814 - 1815 d. Aug 1859
m. Mary M. Williams m. 19 Apr 1860 b. Feb 1828 d. 1910 or after
[daughter of Moses Williams and Sarah Piles]
[Children of Elias Summers and Priscilla Frailey]
5 Daniel Summers b. 1833 - 1834
5 Priscilla Summers b. 1835 - 1836
5 Thomas Summers b. 1836 - 1837
5 Shepard Summers b. 1838 - 1839
5 Margaret Ann Summers b. 1840 - 1842
m. William Rountree m. 4 Apr 1859 b. 1831 - 1832 d. 9 Jul 1867
m. Charles Wesley Hatchett m. 2 Mar 1868 b. 1836 - 1837
[son of Levi Hatchett and Margaret Elizabeth Taylor]
[Children of Margaret Ann Summers and William Rountree]

6 Mary E. Rountree b. 1854 - 1855
6 Martha Dora Rountree b. 1861 - 1862
6 David E. Rountree b. 1863 - 1864
6 Teresa Ann Rountree b. 1865 - 1866
[Children of Margaret Ann Summers and Charles Wesley Hatchett]
6 Viola Hatchett b. 1868 - 1869
5 William Summers b. 1841 - 1842
5 Elias Summers b. c1843
5 Jasper Summers b. 11 Nov 1845 d. 30 May 1917
m. Harriet Erwin m. 15 Sep 1867 b. 1840 - 1842
m. Velora California Hungate m. 2 Oct 1882 b. 1855 d. 1886
[daughter of Charles Hungate and Elenora Stewart]
m. Lucy Catharine Lee m. 16 Mar 1899 b. 22 Apr 1852 d. Jan 1907
[daughter of William M. Lee and Nancy E. Bishop]
m. Juliza Frazier m. 6 Aug 1909 b. 14 Jan 1849 d. 3 Dec 1913
[daughter of Hiram Frazier and Lizzie Jordan]
[Children of Jasper Summers and Harriet Erwin]
6 Euphemia Josephine Summers b. 16 Aug 1868 d. 4 Jan 1939
m. Frank Love Moss m. 3 Apr 1884 b. 28 May 1861 d. 22 Nov 1901
7 James Henry Moss b. 9 Aug 1885 d. 25 Nov 1910
7 Jasper Elmer Moss b. 5 Mar 1887 d. 25 Dec 1960
7 Mary Stella Moss b. 10 Jan 1889 d. 22 Jan 1959
m. Bennie Johnson
7 Roy Everett Moss b. 16 Jan 1891 d. 19 Mar 1955
7 Leonard Ervin Moss b. 14 Jul 1894 d. 20 Mar 1966
7 Chalin Edward Moss b. 13 Sep 1895 d. 17 Jan 1981
7 Dorothy Beatrice Moss b. 24 Apr 1898 d. 7 Dec 1981
m. George Guiney
7 Robert Logan Moss b. 14 Oct 1900 d. 30 Mar 1976
6 Martha Ann Summers b. Apr 1870 d. 26 Jan 1936
m. George Hamilton Karr Jr. m. 10 Mar 1889 b. 11 Nov 1863 d. 8 Jul 1926
[son of George Hamilton Karr Sr. and Sarah Walls]
6 Sarah Priscilla Summers b. 1872 - 1873 d. 1902 - 1903
m. Samuel Hicks m. 26 Mar 1891 b. 3 Dec 1865 d. 26 Apr 1942
[son of Wyatt Hicks and Georgiana Lyle]
[Children of Jasper Summers and Velora California Hungate]
6 Grace Ethel Summers b. 14 Oct 1883 d. 22 Apr 1936
m. Jacob Fred Frailey m. 30 Nov 1902 b. 11 Jun 1882 d. 24 Mar 1959
7 Jim Garland Frailey b. 15 Jan 1912 d. 1966
m. Nina Avis Marquis b. 1913 d. 28 Jan 2018
6 Byron Orr Summers b. 7 Dec 1885 d. 30 Mar 1933
m. Lizzie Miller m. 3 Feb 1904 b. 28 Jun 1888 d. 26 Jan 1953
[daughter of William E. Miller and Evaline Dillon]
7 Edward Summers b. 1904
7 Ray Summers b. Sep 1915
5 Samuel J. Summers b. 1845 - 1847
5 James Summers b. 1848 - 1849
m. Missouri C. Summers m. 18 Mar 1868 b. 1850 - 1851
[daughter of Robert Summers Sr. and Lucinda Perkins]
6 Luther Clarence Summers b. _____
7 Cecil Cohn Summers b. _____
8 Robert Bruce Summers b. _____
[Children of Elias Summers and Mary M. Williams]
5 Calvin C. Summers b. 1860 - 1861
5 Sarah J. Summers b. 1861 - 1862
m. Joseph C. Davis m. 1887 b. 1861 - 1862
[son of Thomas T. Davis and Nancy Collins]
5 Pruda B. Summers b. 1862 - 1863
5 Moses F, Summers b. Nov 1864

m. Unknown Spouse
m. Mary E Winemiller m. 10 Nov 1898 b. May 1880
[Children of Moses F, Summers and Unknown Spouse]
6 Effie C. Summers b. Oct 1892
6 Joseph H. Summers b. Dec 1893
6 William J. B. Summers b. May 1896
[Children of Moses F, Summers and Mary E Winemiller]
6 Walter P. Summers b. Oct 1899
4 Nancy Summers b. 3 Oct 1817 d. 17 Apr 1882
m. Samuel Briley m. 29 Dec 1835 b. 28 Nov 1814 d. 15 Mar 1893
[son of William Briley and Piety ?]
5 Mary Briley b. 1837 - 1838
5 Rebecca Briley b. 1839 - 1840
m. Jonathan S. Rogers m. 23 Aug 1858
5 Charlotte E. Briley b. 1840 - 1842
5 Emaline Briley b. 1843 - 1844
5 Samuel Monroe Briley b. 10 Mar 1845 d. 18 Feb 1892
m. Martha E. ? b. 22 Apr 1841 d. 3 Sep 1921
6 Walter T. Briley b. 1873 - 1874
5 Amanda Briley b. 1850 - 1852
m. John A. Kelly m. 28 Dec 1871
5 Premitory Briley b. 1851 - 1855
m. Albert J. Briggs m. 27 Feb 1873
5 Calvin R. Briley b. May 1857 d. 19 Mar 1936
m. Letitia L. Brinkley m. 20 Mar 1880 b. 1844 - 1850
6 William O. Briley b. Oct 1883
m. Unknown Spouse m. by 1910
6 Nannie May Briley b. Feb 1887
m. Matt Cowan Bates m. 1905 - 1906 b. 1883 - 1887
7 John C. Bates b. 1905 - 1907 d. 28 Mar 1932
7 Owen L. Bates b. 1910
m. Unknown Spouse
8 Katherine Bates b. _____
m. ? Martin
7 Caroline Bates b. 1910
7 Hilmer Ehrman Bates b. 6 Jun 1915 d. 13 Apr 1999
7 Ida K. Bates b. 1915 - 1917
7 Leslie Bates b. 1917 - 1918
7 Robert Bates b. 1921 - 1922
7 Melba Bates b. Nov 1927
5 Franklin Marian Briley b. 1858 - 1861 d. 9 Dec 1943
m. Minerva Kemp m. 7 Feb 1882 d. 3 Apr 1907
m. Mary E. Kirby m. 7 Feb 1882
4 Joseph Summers b. c1818 d. 28 Jan 1896
m. Jane McClusky m. 28 Sep 1837 b. Jan 1818 d. by 17 Mar 1904
5 P. F. Summers b. 1838 - 1839
5 Francis Marion Summers b. 1838 - 1840
m. Mary Ann Taylor m. 5 Feb 1860 b. 1844 - 1845
5 Sidney G. Summers b. 1843 - 1844
5 George A. Summers b. 1846 - 1848
5 Thomas M. Summers b. 1848 - 1850
5 Prudy Summers b. 1852 - 1853
5 Lithy Summers b. 1855 - 1857
5 Malinda Summers b. Feb 1858 d. aft 1900
m. James Sellers m. 2 Jan 1876 b. 1853 - 1854 d. 1886 - 1893
m. James B. Jenkins m. 6 Mar 1893 b. Sep 1825
[Children of Malinda Summers and James Sellers]
6 Sarah Sellers b. 1875 - 1876
6 Leona Sellers b. 1878 - 1879

6 Luke Sellers b. Feb 1885
6 James M. Sellers b. May 1887
5 N. J. Summers b. 1860
4 Alexander Summers b. c1818 d. by 1880
m. Mary Sullivan m. 5 Dec 1836 b. c1819 d. 1853 - 1855
[daughter of Edward Sullivan and Sarah Smothers]
m. Harriet Hatchett m. 6 Sep 1855 b. c1833 d. Aug 1859
[daughter of Levi Hatchett and Margaret Elizabeth Taylor]
m. Terrisa Emeline McElyea m. 4 Sep 1864 b. 1836 - 1841
[Children of Alexander Summers and Mary Sullivan]
5 Thomas Summers b. 1835 - 1836
5 Harriett Summers b. 1837 - 1838
5 Edward Summers b. 1838 - 1839
5 William J. Summers b. 1839 - 1841
5 Susan Summers b. 1840 - 1841
5 Sally Summers b. 1842 - 1845
5 James R. Summers b. 1845 - 1846
5 Jackson Summers b. 1847 - 1849
5 Mary Summers b. 1853 - 1857
[Children of Alexander Summers and Terrisa Emeline McElyea]
5 Eva Summers b. 1864 - 1865
5 Wilburn Summers b. 1865 - 1866
4 Thomas Summers Jr. b. c1820 d. aft 1880
m. Aletha McClusky m. 2 Feb 1839 b. c1812
5 Sarah J. Summers b. c1839
5 Ellen Summers b. c1841
5 Lydia J. Summers b. c1843
5 Melvina Summers b. 33 Dec 1845 d. 6 Jul 1926
m. Benjamin T. R. Summers m. 20 Jan 1867 b. Aug 1845 d. 7 May 1918
[son of William K. Summers and Elizabeth Whittington]
6 Malinda Summers b. 1866 - 1867 d. by 1880
6 Grant Summers b. Oct 1869 d. by 1880
6 Luada (“Ada”) Summers b. 11 Jun 1874 d. 2 Mar 1962
m. Commodore Knapper m. 1907
6 Nora Ellen Summers b. 23 Jul 1875 d. 19 Nov 1964
m. Albert J Fisher
7 Mary Lola Fisher b. c1895
m. Burrell Chaplin m. 1915
6 Martha E. Summers b. 26 Aug 1883
5 Thomas Marshall Summers b. c1845
m. Prudence Summers m. 20 Jan 1867 b. Mar 1840 d. 1900 - 1910
[daughter of William K. Summers and Elizabeth Whittington]
m. Caroline Mitts m. 14 Dec 1876
[Children of Thomas Marshall Summers and Prudence Summers]
6 Charles M. Summers b. 18 Feb 1870 d. 6 Oct 1941
m. Emma Jordan m. 30 Jul 1890
m. Martha E. Harris m. 18 Nov 1908
m. Lillie Harrison m. 11 Oct 1910 b. 1873 d. 1950
[Children of Charles M. Summers and Emma Jordan]
7 Iva M. Summers b. Oct 1891
[Children of Charles M. Summers and Lillie Harrison]
7 Vinedia Summers b. 29 Apr 1916 d. 21 Jan 1998
5 Elizabeth Summers b. 1847 - 1849
m. Zachariah Summers m. 29 Dec 1867 b. 1847 - 1850
[son of Braxton Parrish Summers and Nancy Sullivan]
6 William M. Summers b. 1871 - 1872
6 Andrew J. Summers b. 1873 - 1874
6 Henry Summers b. 1877 - 1878
5 Malinda Summers b. Oct 1849

5 Tolbert Parrish Summers b. c1851
m. Martha Jane Hartley m. 23 Jan 1869 b. c1854
[daughter of William Calvin Hatley and Nancy Johnson]
6 Sarah L. Summers b. Nov 1869
5 William Henry Summers b. c1854
m. Nelly Ann Hatley m. 25 Mar 1871 b. c1856
[daughter of William Calvin Hatley and Nancy Johnson]
5 Mardona Summers b. 1856 - 1857
4 Peter Summers b. c1824 d. 25 Jan 1864
m. Mary Sullivan m. 5 Jan 1841 b. 1824 - 1825
5 Presley Summers b. 1841 - 1842
5 Emaline Summers b. 1846 - 1848
5 Evaline Summers b. 1848 - 1850
5 Hulda Summers b. 1854 - 1855
5 Amanda Summers b. 1853 d. 1950
m. Russell Sanders m. 29 Oct 1876 b. 1861 d. 1909
5 Eliza Jane Summers b. 25 Dec 1859 d. 11 Mar 1946
m. David G. Meador m. 8 Oct 1882
4 Braxton Parrish Summers b. Sep 1825 d. aft 1900
m. Nancy Sullivan b. 7 Sep 1826 d. 21 Sep 1857
[daughter of Edward Sullivan and Sarah Smothers]
m. Priscilla Sullivan m. 21 Feb 1858 b. 2 May 1829 d. 4 Mar 1924
[daughter of Edward Sullivan and Sarah Smothers]
[Children of Braxton Parrish Summers and Nancy Sullivan]
5 Sylvester Summers b. 1842 - 1846
m. Louisa Lampley m. 29 Jan 1869 b. 1848 - 1853
6 Phillip Summers b. 30 Jan 1872 d. 11 Aug 1940
7 Earl Summers b. _____
8 Earl D. Summers b. _____
6 Arizona Summers b. 1873 - 1874
6 Theodore Summers b. 1877 - 1878
6 Lonzo Summers b. May 1880
5 Joel Summers b. 1846 - 1848
5 Henry Summers b. 1847 - 1848 d. by 1853
5 Zachariah Summers b. 1847 - 1850
m. Elizabeth Summers m. 29 Dec 1867 b. 1847 - 1849
[daughter of Thomas Summers Jr. and Aletha McClusky]
6 William M. Summers b. 1871 - 1872
6 Andrew J. Summers b. 1873 - 1874
6 Henry Summers b. 1877 - 1878
5 Mary A. Summers b. 1851 - 1852
5 Henry R. Summers b. 1852 - 1853
5 Willis A. Summers b. 1855 - 1857
m. Sarah McIntyre m. 21 Dec 1875 b. 1854 - 1855
[daughter of Charles McIntyre and May A. ?]
[Children of Braxton Parrish Summers and Priscilla Sullivan]
5 Nancy J. Summers b. Dec 1858
m. William Pleasant McIntyre m. 15 Dec 1875 b. Jan 1858
[son of Charles McIntyre and May A. ?]
6 Valory McIntyre b. 1876 - 1877
7 Early Alvin Clement b. _____
8 Paul Clement b. _____
m. Barbara ?
6 Early Allen McIntyre b. 3 Apr 1883
m. Lutie Irene McIntyre
6 Liss McIntyre b. 6 Sep 1887 or 1888 d. Mar 1971
6 Fred McIntyre b. Nov 1890
6 Dee Forest McIntyre b. Nov 1893 d. 21 Jul 1951
6 Wesley Willis McIntyre b. Feb 1898

5 Sarah C. Summers b. 1860 - 1861
5 John D. Summers b. 1862 - 1864
5 Thomas G. Summers b. Apr 1865
5 Luther P. Summers b. 1866 - 1867 d. 1870 - 1880
5 Edward Summers b. 1866 - 1867
5 Charles Alfred Summers b. Sep 1869
m. Mary J. ? m. 1896 - 1897
m. Olive G. Strother
[Children of Charles Alfred Summers and Olive G. Strother]
6 Raymon Summers b. _____
5 Eva S. Summers b. 1873 - 1874
3 William Summers b. 1783 d. 1853
m. Jane Ross b. 1786 d. 1861
4 Mary Summers b. 22 Jun 1807 d. 26 Jul 1872
m. Andrew J. Smothers m. 13 Aug 1827 b. c1809 d. 1895
[son of James Smothers and Margaret Summers]
5 Jane Smothers b. 1828 - 1829
5 Martha Smothers b. 1830 - 1831
5 James William Smothers b. 1833 - 1834
5 Melonia Smothers b. 1836 - 1837
5 Sophronia Smothers b. 2 Feb 1841 d. 13 May 1934
5 Adaline Smothers b. 1841 - 1842
5 Emily Smothers b. 1845 - 1846
5 John Milby Smothers b. 1848 - 1849
5 Oscar Smothers b. 30 Nov 1852 d. 25 Dec 1935
m. Mary A. ? b. 26 Oct 1856 d. 3 Feb 1909
5 Edgar Smothers b. _____
4 Jane Ross Summers b. 1817 d. 23 Jul 1895
m. Thomas Wilson Kirkpatrick m. 9 Oct 1839 b. 1808 d. 1902
5 Hardin Wallace Kirkpatrick b. c1841
5 Samantha H. Kirkpatrick b. c1843
5 Alice Ann Kirkpatrick b. c1845
5 Emmarillis Kirkpatrick b. _____
4 Joseph Summers b. 26 Oct 1819 d. 10 Dec 1897
m. Mary F. Edmonson m. 14 Oct 1841 b. 1 Jul 1826 d. 29 Oct 1876
5 Martha Jane Summers b. 1844 - 1845
5 Ann E. Summers b. 1847 - 1848
5 Jessie Belle Summers b. _____
4 Nancy Elvira Summers b. 30 Dec 1822 d. 4 Feb 1876
m. Milby Smith m. 28 Sep 1848 b. 13 Nov 1821 d. 14 Mar 1879
4 John William Summers b. 2 Aug 1825 d. 26 Jul 1889
m. Sarah Ann Peak m. 19 Sep 1848 b. 1828 - 1829
5 Mary Jane Summers b. Sep 1849
5 George Levi Summers b. _____
6 Howard A. Summers b. _____
7 George Robert Summers b. _____
m. Dorothy Irene Baker
8 Dale Richard Summers Sr. b. 15 Jul 1946 d. 15 Apr 2011
m. Charlynn Harper
m. Sherry Gail Herrington
m. Andrea Kathryn Kappel (details excluded)
[Children of Dale Richard Summers Sr. and Charlynn Harper]
9 Dale Richard Summers Jr. b. _____
[Children of Dale Richard Summers Sr. and Sherry Gail Herrington]
9 Angela Gail Summers b. _____
9 Reggie D. Summers b. _____
3 Levi Summers b. c1790 d. aft 1870
m. Louisa Hatchett m. 18 Mar 1817 d. c1819
m. Mary Price m. 8 Jan 1820 b. 1790 - 1800 d. 1835 - 1840

m. Mary Dillingham m. 28 Jun 1850 b. 1813 - 1814
[Children of Levi Summers and Mary Price]
4 Robert Summers b. 1823 - 1824
m. Katharine Dillingham m. 15 Dec 1841 b. 1825 - 1826
5 Mary E. Summers b. 1842 - 1843
5 Morning Summers b. 1844 - 1845
4 Levi F. Summers b. 1826 d. 1905
m. Mildred S. McClintock m. 4 Jan 1849 b. 1829 - 1830
m. Margaret Jane Jackson m. 24 Feb 1853 b. 1836
[Children of Levi F. Summers and Mildred S. McClintock]
5 John W. Summers b. Aug 1849
4 Margaret C. Summers b. 1831 - 1832
m. Taylor Garrett m. 7 Jan 1872
4 Peter F. Summers b. c1832
m. Mary E. Summers m. 1884 b. c1854
[daughter of Green Summers Sr. and Malinda Summers]
4 Mary Summers b. 1832 - 1833
4 Emeline S. Summers b. _____
m. John W. Williams m. 1848 b. Aug 1822 d. 2 Jun 1883
[Children of Levi Summers and Mary Dillingham]
4 George W. Summers b. c1851
4 Susan C. Summers b. 1851 - 1852
3 John Alexander Summers Sr. b. 5 Jun 1794 d. 6 Nov 1869
m. Margaret Jackson m. 2 Jan 1816 d. by 1840
[daughter of Joseph Jackson and Margaret Lyster]
m. Martha Todd m. 25 May 1840 d. by 1843
m. Eliza Matilda Lankford m. 2 Nov 1843 b. 25 Mar 1825 d. 27 Aug 1877
[Children of John Alexander Summers Sr. and Margaret Jackson]
4 Green J. Summers b. c1818
m. Elsey Clemm m. 26 Jan 1846 b. 1828 - 1829
5 Sarah Summers b. 1847 - 1848
5 Mary S. Summers b. 1848 - 1849
[Children of John Alexander Summers Sr. and Eliza Matilda Lankford]
4 John Alexander Summers b. c1843
4 Thomas Jefferson Summers b. 20 Jan 1844 d. 7 May 1932
m. Artilisa Dyer m. 29 Dec 1864
5 Harry D. Summers b. _____
5 Iva Lee Summers b. _____
m. John Dugan
5 W. W. Summers b. _____
5 Verlin Summers b. _____
4 Margaret Pamelia Summers b. c1845
m. Valentine Burns m. 25 Apr 1861
4 Mary Ann Summers b. c1847
4 Julia Ann Summers b. c1848
m. Andrew J. Clark m. 4 May 1864
4 William Summers b. c1849
4 Joseph Summers b. c1852
4 Prince Summers b. c1855
4 Olive Summers b. c1859
4 Lucinda Bell Summers b. 22 Apr 1861 d. 20 Jun 1946
m. James F. Landes m. 25 Mar 1882
3 Elizabeth Summers b. c1791 d. aft. 1870
m. William Jackson m. 20 Mar 1810 b. 1790 d. 1860 - 1870
[son of Joseph Jackson and Margaret Lyster]
4 Martha Patsey Jackson b. 1816 - 1817 d. by 1860
m. Samuel Frame m. 11 Nov 1841 b. 1816 - 1817
5 William Frame b. 1841 - 1842
5 Elizabeth Isabel Frame b. 1842 - 1844

5 Jeremiah Frame b. 1845 - 1846
5 Rebecca Frame b. 1847 - 1850
5 Samuel Frame b. Jan 1850
5 Fielding Frame b. 1850 - 1851
5 Mary A. Frame b. 1858 - 1859
4 Wiley Jackson b. c1825 d. by Sep 1874
m. Rosanna Carlton m. 2 Jan 1851 b. 1835 d. 1907
5 Albert Jackson b. 1852 - 1853
5 William Jackson b. 1855 - 1856
5 Ella Jackson b. 1857 - 1858
5 Clara Jackson b. 1859 - 1860
5 Dora Jackson b. 1861 - 1862
5 Mary Jackson b. 1863 - 1864
5 Caroline Jackson b. 1865 - 1866
5 Olive Jackson b. 1868 - 1869
5 Ida Jackson b. 1868 - 1869
4 Wilson Jackson b. c1830
m. Sarah A. Summers m. 23 Dec 1859 b. 1834 - 1836
[daughter of James Summers and Nancy Pickering]
4 Cynthia A. Jackson b. 1837 - 1838
4 William M. Jackson b. 1839 - 1840
3 Peter Summers b. c1791 d. by Nov 1818
m. Sally Armfield m. 28 Jun 1817
3 Esther Summers b. c1793 d. aft 1837
m. Thomas Miles d. c Oct 1835
4 Martha Miles b. c1814 d. aft 1880
m. Hiram Briley Sr. m. 19 Dec 1835 b. c1816 d. 1856 - 1860
[son of William Briley and Piety ?]
5 Piety Briley b. c1836
m. David Chandler
5 Elisha Briley b. c1840
5 John Wesley Briley b. 16 Mar 1841 d. 2 Oct 1920
m. Cindy ? m. c1860 b. 1840 - 1841
5 Thomas Briley b. c1844
5 Andrew Jackson Briley b. 1845 d. 1928
m. Sarah J. ? b. 2 Aug 1842 d. 15 Nov 1911
6 Sarah Briley b. c1865
5 Susan Briley b. c1848
5 Hiram Briley Jr. b. 4 Jan 1849 d. 2 Apr 1924
m. Editha Tomlinson b. 22 Feb 1854 d. 9 Jun 1931
6 Nancy Briley b. c1879
5 Nancy Briley b. c1852
5 Samuel T. Briley b. 4 Sep 1855 d. 2 Sep 1930
m. Susan Chandler b. 8 Feb 1863 d. 15 May 1927
6 Robert Briley b. _____
m. Myrtle Strain
7 Coy Briley b. _____
m. Lou Edna Mitchel
8 Edna Briley b. _____
5 Mary A. C. Briley b. c1856
m. Timothy Tomlison
6 Ethel Tomlinson b. _____
m. James Arterburn
7 Connie Ruth Arterburn b. _____
m. Charles Bennett
8 Gaytha Bennett b. _____
m. ? Spain
4 Malachi Miles b. c1816 d. aft 1837
4 Nancy Miles b. c1816 d. by 1850

m. John Bennett b. c1822 d. by 1860
5 Esther Miles b. c1836
4 William H. Miles b. by 1815
m. Susannah Haley m. 31 Mar 1841
3 Alexander Summers Sr. b. 18 Jul 1793 d. 1 Jan 1867
m. Clarissa H. Lilly m. 17 Jul 1815 b. 31 Dec 1796 d. 15 Sep 1885
4 Mandy Summers b. _____
m. Joseph Houghine
4 Emma Jane Summers b. _____
m. Charles Dixon
4 Sarah Summers b. _____
m. ? Dillon
4 Mary Summers b. 22 Dec 1819 d. 15 Aug 1906
m. Stanford Ing m. 18 Jun 1839 b. 2 Feb 1820 d. 11 Nov 1904
[son of Matthew Layton Ing Sr. and Susannah Pickering]
4 Alexander Summers Jr. b. 1821 - 1822
m. Mary Ing m. 4 Aug 1839 b. 1820 - 1821 d. 1850 - 1860
5 Susan Summers b. 1840 - 1841
5 Malinda Summers b. 1843 - 1846
m. Albert Hatchett m. 1859 - 1860 b. 1839 - 1841
[son of William Hatchett and Rhoda ?]
6 Alfred Hatchett b. May 1860 d. 1860 - 1870
6 Robert Hatchett b. 1861 - 1862
6 Alexander Hatchett b. 1864 - 1865
6 Benjamin Hatchett b. Oct 1869
5 Nancy Summers b. Dec 1849
4 William Summers Sr. b. 1825 - 1829
m. Elizabeth Frailey b. 1827 - 1829
[daughter of Daniel Frailey Sr. and Mary Polly Dillon]
m. Catherine Winn m. 26 Oct 1887 b. c1855
[daughter of John Winn]
[Children of William Summers Sr. and Elizabeth Frailey]
5 Daniel Summers b. 1847 - 1848
m. Sarah Summers m. 13 Jan 1866
m. Malviney Edwards m. 26 Jul 1873
5 Alexander Summers b. 6 Mar 1851 d. 5 Sep 1921
m. Martha E. Buntin m. 25 Sep 1879 b. 28 Nov 1864
5 Mary Jane Summers b. 3 Jan 1853 d. 30 Sep 1938
m. Lewis Boyd m. 26 Aug 1869
5 William Summers Jr. b. 14 Apr 1855 d. 5 May 1937
m. Almira Isabelle Cardwell b. 1856 - 1858
[daughter of T. H. Cardwell and Zariah A. Anderson]
6 Ora F. Summers b. 1877 - 1878
6 Iona Summers b. 1880
5 Susan Summers b. 1855 - 1857
5 Elizabeth Summers b. 1857 - 1859
5 John Logan Summers b. 1860 - 1861
5 Sarah Summers b. 1862 - 1863
5 Tillman S. Summers b. 1864 - 1865
m. Lora Louisa Absher m. 7 Nov 1890
6 Lola E. Summers b. _____
m. Ray Williams m. 9 May 1912
7 Versa J. Williams b. _____
m. ? Jones
8 Rebecca Jones b. _____
m. ? Cook
6 Verna Summers b. _____
6 Dewey Summers b. _____
5 Andrew Tanden Summers b. 1865 - 1866

5 Herron Summers b. 30 Oct 1867 d. 13 Sep 1931
m. Ada ?
5 Lewis Summers b. Jan 1870
5 Canzada Summers b. 1873 - 1874
4 Peter Summers b. 1825 - 1830
m. Melissa Ann Downs m. 31 Aug 1848 b. 1828 - 1832
5 Margaret J. Summers b. 1848 - 1850
5 Thomas F. Summers b. 1854 - 1855
5 Amanda E. Summers b. 1855 - 1856
5 George W. Summers b. 1858 - 1859
4 Rebecca Summers b. c1829
m. John Wesley Launius Jr. m. 23 Jun 1847 b. c1826 d. c1859
[son of John Launius and Rebecca Eubanks]
5 Malinda J. Launius b. c1848
m. Scott Summers m. 20 Jun 1864 b. 1835 - 1838
[son of James Summers and Nancy Pickering]
6 Warren Summers b. 4 Nov 1866 d. 24 Dec 1902
m. Lillie Sullivan m. 1890
6 Sampson Scott Summers b. 1868 - 1869
6 Joseph Summers b. _____
6 James Summers b. _____
6 Malachi Summers b. _____
6 Sarah Summers b. _____
6 Oscar Summers b. _____
6 Eli Summers b. _____
m. Lillie Sullivan
7 Lloyd Summers b. _____
m. Willie Bowlin
8 Lawrence Leroy Summers b. 6 Feb 1927 d. 22 Mar 2008
m. Eva Joan Reynolds m. 13 Aug 1950 d. 2 Oct 2007
9 Lawrence R. Summers b. _____
9 Martin F. Summers b. _____
9 Vanessa J. Summers b. _____
6 Daniel Summers b. _____
6 Ruth Summers b. _____
5 John A. Launius b. c1840
m. Harriet Summers m. 29 Feb 1872 b. 1853 - 1856
[daughter of Noah Summers and Mary Sarah Briley]
5 James M. Launius b. c1853
5 Charles M. Launius b. c1855
5 Braxton Parrish Launius b. c1857 d. 2 Mar 1922
m. Eliza Sanders m. 1876 b. 1 Aug 1850 d. 7 Apr 1921
6 James M. Launius b. c1875
m. Ursula Summers m. 1900 b. c1882
[daughter of John W. Summers and Manerva Jane Burleson]
5 Rebecca E. Launius b. c1859
m. Lycurgus Summers m. 8 Sep 1874 b. 1850 - 1851
[son of Noah Summers and Mary Sarah Briley]
4 James Summers b. 1831 - 1832
m. Nancy Dillon
4 Elizabeth Summers b. 1836 d. 1921
m. John Dillon m. 21 Mar 1850
4 Eveline Summers b. 1836 - 1837
m. Jefferson Clark m. 19 Jan 1865
4 Jane Summers b. 1838 - 1839
m. Sampson Harris m. 21 Mar 1855
4 Daniel Summers Sr. b. c1835
m. Mary Rebecca Frailey m. 25 Sep 1855 b. c1837
[daughter of Daniel Frailey Sr. and Mary Polly Dillon]

5 Margaret Julia A. Summers b. 1858
m. James A. Otterson m. 1878 b. c1844
[son of Thomas Otterson and Mary Ann Sear]
5 Ambrose Summers b. 16 Dec 1859 d. 23 Sep 1914
m. Lodema Cardwell m. 2 Oct 1890 b. 29 Feb 1870 d. 1 Sep 1960
[daughter of T. H. Cardwell and Zariah A. Anderson]
6 Monnie Dorothy Summers b. _____
m. ? Whetstone
7 Audrey Lucille Whetstone b. _____
m. ? Hart
8 Mary Lee Hart b. _____
m. Bob Underwood
9 Matt Underwood b. _____
m. Kara Siweck
[daughter of Don Siweck and Sharon Ozee]
6 Walter Raymond Summers b. 30 Sep 1891 d. 2 Nov 1964
m. Lulu Ann McElroy m. 1915 b. c1890
[daughter of Ambrose McElroy and Alice Abbadusky]
m. Amy Lynn Bailey m. 17 Jan 1942 b. 12 Jul 1891 d. 22 May 1977
[daughter of John L. Bailey and Sarah Sweet]
5 Alexander Summers b. 18 Oct 1861 d. 9 Oct 1933
5 Rebecca J. Summers b. c1864
5 Millie Ann Summers b. c1866 d. 17 Apr 1930
m. Haywood A. Shaw m. 2 Nov 1886
m. Charles Wesley Hatchett m. 4 Feb 1897 b. 1836 - 1837
[son of Levi Hatchett and Margaret Elizabeth Taylor]
m. John W. Minton m. 1911 b. c1852
[son of John Minton and Susan Andrews]
[Children of Millie Ann Summers and Haywood A. Shaw]
6 Lum Shaw b. _____
6 Lena Shaw b. _____
m. ? Harris
[Children of Millie Ann Summers and Charles Wesley Hatchett]
6 Julia Ann Hatchett b. 20 Oct 1897 d. 29 Nov 1982
Unknown
m. Elza R. Summers b. 29 May 1905 d. 23 Apr 1967
[son of Wilson Summers and Ruth Summers]
[Children of Julia Ann Hatchett and Unknown]
7 Charlene Summers b. 10 Jun 1921 d. 27 Mar 2009
m. George A. Hart b. 18 Aug 1913 d. 24 Oct 1988
[son of Henry E. Hart and Lillie A. Hedges]
6 Dellis Hatchett b. _____
6 Page Hatchett b. _____
5 Daniel Summers Jr. b. 1867 d. 1916
m. Ida May Summers m. 6 Jan 1889 b. 10 May 1873 d. 6 Apr 1958
[daughter of Elisha Summers and Mary Jane Summers]
6 Floyd Summers b. 1 Mar 1892 d. 31 Jan 1948
6 Roy Summers b. Feb 1895
6 Mary E. Summers b. Aug 1896
5 Phillip Summers b. c1869
5 Richard Summers b. c1872
5 Enoch Summers b. 21 Nov 1877 d. 17 Mar 1963
4 Ambrose Summers b. 31 Dec 1842 d. 31 Jul 1887
m. Sarah Sophia Rountree m. 6 Mar 1861
5 Pearly Summers b. 24 Jul 1886 d. 8 Aug 1886
4 Amanda Summers b. 1844 - 1846
m. Joseph Huffine m. 1 Aug 1865
3 Isaiah Josiah Summers b. c1795 d. aft 1870
m. Catharine ? b. 1794 - 1800 d. aft 1870

4 Commodore Summers b. c1824
m. Kiziah Ann Briley b. c1825
[daughter of William Briley and Piety ?]
5 Mary Summers b. c1845
5 William Summers b. c1848
4 Malinda Summers b. c1825
m. Green Summers Sr. m. 11 Nov 1847 b. 1825 - 1829
[son of Noah Summers and Mary Sarah Briley]
5 Levi H. Summers b. 1850 - 1852
m. Sarah Samantha Allen m. 6 Aug 1873
5 Mary E. Summers b. c1854
m. Bird G Rogers m. 13 Dec 1874
m. Peter F. Summers m. 1884 b. c1832
[son of Levi Summers and Mary Price]
5 William H. Summers b. 1854 - 1855
5 Jesse F. Summers b. 1856 - 1857
5 Green M. Summers Jr. b. 1861 - 1862
m. Demarise Summers m. 27 Jan 1887 b. Sep 1869
[daughter of Robert Summers Jr. and Harriett Mills]
5 Grant Summers b. 1863 - 1864
5 George W, Summers b. _____
6 Leotis Summers b. _____
7 Gordon Lee Summers b. _____
m. Carol Lynn Baillie
8 Douglas Dale Summers b. _____
4 Martha Summers b. c1830
4 Josiah Summers b. 1835 - 1836
m. Martha Summers b. 1830 - 1831
[daughter of Noah Summers and Mary Sarah Briley]
m. Nancy E. Norris
4 Elizabeth Summers b. 1836 d. 6 Mar 1883
m. Jesse Summers m. 24 Feb 1858 b. 1836 - 1838
[son of Noah Summers and Mary Sarah Briley]
5 John L. Summers b. 1863 - 1864
5 Mary Summers b. 1864 - 1865
4 Caroline Summers b. 1840 - 1841
5 Areminta Summers b. 1865 - 1866
3 Sarah Summers b. c1800 d. c1880
m. Matthew Layton Ing Sr. m. 29 Jan 1827 b. c1797 d. 29 Jul 1864
4 Matthew Ing Jr. b. 1827 - 1828
m. Nancy Briley m. 14 Jul 1847 b. 1827 - 1828
[daughter of Elisha Briley and Rebecca Summers]
5 Alex Ing b. 1848 - 1849 d. by 1860
5 Cyrus K. Ing b. 1853 - 1855
5 Julia A. Ing b. 1856 - 1857
5 James Monroe Ing b. 26 Jul 1860 d. 26 Oct 1947
m. Mary Malinda Clark m. 1881 b. 1839 - 1840 d. 1925
[daughter of James J. Clark and Elizabeth Brewer]
5 Mary A. Ing b. 1861 - 1862
4 Jackson Ing b. 1837 - 1838
4 Susan Ing b. 20 Mar 1833 d. 1 Nov 1903
m. John S. Norman m. 20 Nov 1849 b. 1 Oct 1832 d. 28 Dec 1911
3 Rebecca Summers b. c1801 d. aft 1870
m. Noah Harper m. 29 Jun 1816
m. Elisha Briley m. 1 Oct 1825
m. John Williams b. 1776 - 1777
[Children of Rebecca Summers and Elisha Briley]
4 Nancy Briley b. 1827 - 1828
m. Matthew Ing Jr. m. 14 Jul 1847 b. 1827 - 1828

[son of Matthew Layton Ing Sr. and Sarah Summers]
m. William C. Summers m. 24 Feb 1866
[Children of Nancy Briley and Matthew Ing Jr.]
5 Alex Ing b. 1848 - 1849 d. by 1860
5 Cyrus K. Ing b. 1853 - 1855
5 Julia A. Ing b. 1856 - 1857
5 James Monroe Ing b. 26 Jul 1860 d. 26 Oct 1947
m. Mary Malinda Clark m. 1881 b. 1839 - 1840 d. 1925
[daughter of James J. Clark and Elizabeth Brewer]
5 Mary A. Ing b. 1861 - 1862
4 Williamson Briley b. _____ d. Apr 1888
m. Catherine C. Pickering m. 24 Aug 1851
m. Hulda Ann Norman m. 27 Mar 1867 d. Mar 1899
[Children of Rebecca Summers and John Williams]
4 Jasper N. Williams b. 1832 -1833
m. Rebecca Summers m. 5 Jan 1854 b. 1831 - 1832
[daughter of James Summers and Nancy Pickering]
4 Noel Williams b. 1837 - 1838
4 Cynthia Ann Williams b. 1839 - 1840
4 Benjamin F. Williams b. 1841 - 1842
3 Nancy Summers b. c 1807
m. John Carney m. 27 Mar 1827

All but one of the John and Verne Summers family at their home in Wittenberg, 1924. Back: Verne and John Sr.; middle: Dale, Marguerite ("Pugs"), Milfred ("Mid"); front: John Jr. ("Pete"). Mike was not yet born. (Betty Summers)

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